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ROLL OF HONOUR.

BANVILLE—December 1, 1917, killed in action, Leo F., dearly-loved son of JOHN and MARY E. BANVILLE, 91 Connaught street, Phibsborough, aged 32 years. R.I.P.

LEE—November 22, 1917, died of wounds, Lieutenant H. LEE, Inniskilling Fusiliers, eldest son of Henry Lee, Burnham road, Southminster, and dearly-loved husband of Minnie Lee, 23 Church avenue, South Circular road, Dublin. R.I.P.

MARRIAGES.

JACKSON AND DUDGEON—December 15, 1917, at St. Thomas's Church, Foster avenue, Co. Dublin, by His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, assisted by the Rev. W. Monk Gibbon, Rector of the Parish, Lieutenant-Colonel G. H. JACKSON, C.M.G., D.S.O., Border Regiment, to EILEEN, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. HUME DUDGEON, Merville, Booterstown, Co. Dublin.

JORDAN AND PAYNE—December 12, 1917, at the Methodist Church, Charleston road, by the Rev. J. M. Alley, J. W. JORDAN, second son of John Jordan, Tattenbar, Brookeboro', to GRACE E. PAYNE, youngest daughter of the late John Payne, of this city, and niece of the late Edward Nelson.

DEATHS.

BYRNE—December 17, 1917, at a Nursing Home, Mrs. MARY BYRNE, of Kia Ora, Iona road, Dublin, widow of the late John Byrne, of Portland, Birr, and youngest daughter of the late John Johnston, Castletown, Birr. Funeral to Lorrha, on arrival of 9.15 a.m. train from Dublin, to-morrow (Wednesday), 19th inst. No flowers. "Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away, In Jesus' keeping she is safe and they."

CRAIG—December 5, 1917, at Wimereux, France, suddenly, ELIZA BRENT ROSETTA CRAIG, of Kenmare, Orwell Park, Dublin, widow of the late Thomas Craig, of Novara, Bray, Co Wicklow. "Her children shall rise up and call her blessed."

DUNNE—December 16, 1917, at Mater Hospital, WILLIAM DUNNE. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for him. Funeral from St. Joseph's, Berkeley street, this (Tuesday) morning, 10.30.

FLEMING—December 14, 1917, at his residence, Mayfield, Ashbourne, Colonel WM FLEMING, late 86th Regiment, second son of the late Surgeon Fleming, 6 Merrion square, Dublin.

FROSTE—December 15, 1917, at her residence, Spencer Hill, Wimbledon, EMILY, youngest sister of the late RICHARD POPE FROSTE, Esq., M.A., J.P., Dublin, aged 65. "So He giveth His beloved sleep."

HANNON—December 14, 1917, at Stannington, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, ex-Constable JAMES HANNON, aged 53, late of the R.I.C. Band, Depôt, and Kilkenny. Inserted by his sorrowing wife, 12 Temple street, West, Parkgate street, Dublin.

HUTCHINSON—On Monday, December 17, 1917, at his residence, Clonaslee, Queen's Co., ARMSTRONG HUTCHINSON, aged 68 years. His end was peace.

LALOUETTE—At her residence, 10 Blessington street, ISABELLA LALOUETTE, widow of the late Peter Lalouette, and daughter of the late John Blackledge, Cork. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing family. R.I.P. Funeral private.

MULLIGAN—December 16, 1917, at his residence, Church road, Ballybrack, JAMES MULLIGAN, aged 85 years. R.I.P. Funeral, at 11 o'clock, to-day (Tuesday), 18th inst., to Little Bray.

NORTHEN—December 17, 1917, at her residence, 5 De Burgh road, Dublin, after a lingering illness, DEBORAH FLORENCE (DEBBY), eldest daughter of Mrs. and the late WILLIAM NORTHEN, formerly of Inchicore, aged 24. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral to Clondalkin, at 2 o'clock, to-morrow (Wednesday). English and Australian papers please copy.

POWER—December 16, 1917, at Glencairne Abbey, Lismore, FRANCES MARIA, widow of the late AMBROSE BUSHE POWER, D.L., J.P. Funeral from Glencairne, 11 o'clock, to-morrow (Wednesday).

STANLEY—December 17, 1917, after a short illness, EDWARD ALMA, dearly-loved husband of Louisa Stanley, Taney, Dundrum, aged 48 years. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral at Churchtown to-morrow (Wednesday) morning at 10 o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM.

ARTHURS—In everloving memory of GEORGE WILLIAM, who passed away 18th December, 1916. Sadly missed by all.

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YARDMAN Wanted; [illegible]

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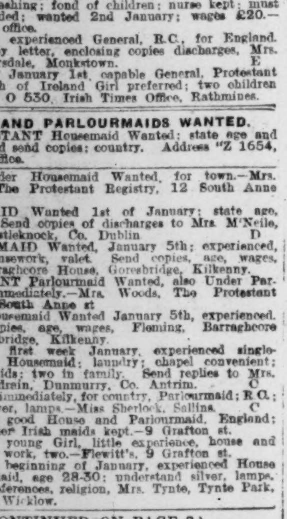

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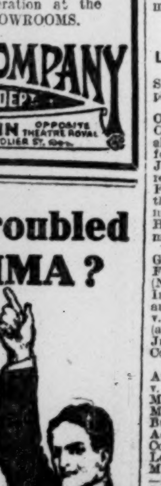

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LAW COURTS.

WEALTHY TANNER'S ESTATE.

At Nisi Prius yesterday, before the Lord Chief Justice and a special jury, the probate suit of Mrs. Mary Brown Woodside v. Mrs. Catherine Michie was listed for hearing. It was a proceeding by the plaintiff as widow and executrix to establish the last will, dated 22nd January, 1916, of David Woodside, late of Castle Rocklands, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, who died on 7th October, 1916, leaving assets amounting to about £120,000. The defendant, who resides in New York, and is a niece of the deceased, disputed the will on the usual statutory grounds, and also pleaded that the testator did not know and approve of the contents of the will so far as the charitable legacies and the residuary clause were concerned.

Mr. Brown, K.C., informed the Court that an arrangement had been come to, by which the will would be admitted to probate. The testator was an old gentleman of 82 years of age, and had lived for the greater part of his life with his brother, William, who died in 1914, also aged 82 years. They had been partners in a tannery business in Carrickfergus, and retired from business early in the eighties, having realised a considerable fortune. William by his will left his brother, David, £50,000, and also advised David to marry Mary Brown Molyneux, a connection by marriage. David inherited the money and also followed his deceased brother's advice, marrying Miss Molyneux. They lived very happily together. In January, 1916, finding himself in bad health, he made his will, by which he left his widow his house and furniture and £20,000. He left legacies to three relatives and the following sums to charities:—£5,000 to the Foreign Mission of the Presbyterian Church, £5,000 to the Sustentation Fund of the same Church, £5,000 to the Indigent Ladies' Fund of the same Church, £5,000 to the Presbyterian Orphan Society, £1,000 to the Jewish Mission, £1,000 to the Irish Mission, £5,000 towards the debt on the Assembly Buildings in Belfast, and £1,000 to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. He further directed £1,000 to be invested and the income to be applied in supplementing the salary of the minister of First Carrickfergus Church, and a second sum of £1,000 to be similarly invested in the joint names of the same minister and the rector of the Episcopal Church, and the income to be applied for the benefit of the poor of the district. He directed the residue to be divided amongst the several named charitable legatees. Counsel said the testator had a number of relatives who were not named in his will, but it was fairly clear from the facts that had been ascertained that he intended to benefit those relatives during his lifetime, but he failed to carry out his intention, dying rather suddenly. These facts were known to the chartities, and as the residue would probably amount to £50,000 they had considered the matter, and had come to the conclusion that those persons who would have been entitled to the residue in case the testator had died intestate should get some portion of the residue. It had been arranged that a sum of £23,000 should be set apart out of the residue to meet their claims, and subject to the approval of the Attorney-General, as representing the charities, that arrangement would be carried out.

Mr. M. Wylie, solicitor, was then examined, and proved the due execution of the will and the testamentary capacity of the testator.

The jury, by direction, found in favour of the will, which was admitted to probate.

Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C.; Mr. D. M. Wilson, K.C., and Mr. Andrews (instructed by Mr. John Chisholm) appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. J. B. Powell, K.C., Mr. Hanna, K.C., and Mr. Megaw (instructed by Messrs. Johns, Elliot, and Johns) for the defendant; Mr. Herbert Wilson, K.C., and Mr. M'Kee (instructed by Messrs. Carson and M'Dowell) for the chartities, and Mr. Devitt (instructed by Mr. Mr. J. O'Connor) for the Attorney-General.

MOTOR CAR AND BICYCLE.

At Nisi Prius, yesterday, before Mr. Justice Pim and a city common jury, the hearing of the case of Beatty v. Forsythe was resumed and concluded. The plaintiff, Emma Beatty, of Ricehill, Cavan, brought the action to recover damages for personal injuries sustained by reason of the alleged negligence of the defendant, Richard Forsythe, hotel proprietor, Cavan, in the driving and management of a motor car on the public highway between Crossdoney and Cavan on 22nd May, 1917, whereby the plaintiff, who was riding a bicycle, was knocked down. The defendant denied that he was guilty of negligence, and pleaded contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff.

The jury disagreed, and were discharged.

Mr. Denis Henry, K.C., M.P., and Mr. A. B. Babington (instructed by Messrs. Allen and Halpin) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Hanna, K.C., Mr. Wylie, K.C., and Mr. T. J. Smyth (instructed by Mr. W. J. Fegan) represented the defendant.

FINANCES OF SLIGO.

In the King's Bench Division yesterday, in the case of the Gaslight Co. of Sligo v. the Sligo Corporation, Mr. Justice Moore gave the plaintiffs liberty to issue execution for a sum of £375 18/5 for gas and for lighting the public street lamps of Sligo. Mr. Craig, solicitor (of Messrs. Hamilton and Craig), representing Messrs. Fenton and Lyons, made the application on behalf of the plaintiffs.

THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—Tuesday, December 18, 1917.

COURT OF APPEAL.—10.30—Final Appeals—Shanahan v. M'Kenna (and cross notice), Barton, J., part heard; Irish Land Commn. v. Forde, K.B.D.

CHANCERY DIVISION.—Lord Chancellor. Lunacy Commission. For to-morrow. In the Admiralty Court, City Common Jury, 11—In the matter of a person alleged to be of unsound mind, Bernard and Son, solrs. for petitioner. Notice to Jurors—The City Common Jurors summoned upon the Lunacy Commission will be required to attend on to-morrow in the Admiralty Court, Four Courts, at 11 o'clock sharp. Chambers. Before the Chief Clerk, 11.30—Westropp, a minor; Nicholson, a minor, M'Gonigal, solr.; Reilly, a minor, Allen and Halpin solrs. Before Mr. Murphy, 11.30—Kennedy, minors, dis. queries, Hodnett, solr.

ROLLS.—Motions—Rochfort v. Rochfort; Gibney v. Gibney; Cooke v. Cooke; Gibson v. Conyers; Powell v. Flaherty; Attorney-General v. Co. Col. Co. Tipperary (N.R.) and ors.; Vandeleur v. Abbott. At Chambers—Innes-Cross v. Innes-Cross; Vendor and Purchaser Act and S. Wray and J. Wray; R. J. Empey, decd., Empey v. Empey; S. R. F. Empey, decd., Empey v. Empey (and a motion); Olden v. Spillane. For to-morrow—For Judgment—Co.'s Acts and Galway and Salthill Tramway Co. Action—Kenny v. Nugent, specially fixed.

MR. JUSTICE BARTON.—At Chambers—Jacob v. Attorney-General; Rooney v. Attorney-General; Brindley v. Hurley; Co.'s Acts v. Sandford Cinema Theatre; M'Arevey v. Magennis; M'Coy v. Farmer; Travnor v. Malcolmson; Jameson v. Jameson; same v. same; Burke v. Walsh; Leany v. Farrell; same v. same; Co.'s Acts and Ulster Co-op. Soc.; Hughes v. Campbell; Co.'s Acts and Irish Provdt. Assnce. Co.; Munster and Leinster Bank v. Fraser. In Court. Motions—M'Namara v. M'Namara; Lyons v. Casey. At Chambers—Powley's Trusts, Thompson v. Whitfield, at hearing; Joyce, decd., Joyce v. Burke; Settled Land Act and Currie; Courts (E.P.) Act, 1914, Coulter v. Winter; Dowling v. Dunne; Smith's Trusts and Trustee Act; Hollywood, decd., Smith v. Attorney-General; Langley, decd., Hemphill v. Langley; Birch, decd., Birch v. Johnstone; Harty v. Harty; Peacocke v. Peacocke; Craig v. Hanna; Dowd v. Kenny; Meehan v. Meehan; O'Higgins v. Walsh; Kelly v. Keogh; M'Donnell v. Dorian; Wilson v. Newland; Robinson v. Robinson; Cox v. Dublin City Distillery Co. In Court. Action—O'Brien v. Elkin (and a motion). For Wednesday—Motion—Boyle, minors, part heard. Adjourned Memorandum—Ryan v Ryan. Motion—Galvin v. Galvin. For Thursday—Petition—In the matter of a Solicitor and 12 and 13 Vic., c. 53 (1917, No. 907), part heard. At Chambers—Gunning, decd., Little v. Co. Down Infirmary.

CONSOLIDATED TAXING OFFICE.—Master Kilbride, 11—Blumberg v. M'Cormick, Miley and Miley; Landers v. G.S. and W. Rly Co., P. S. Connolly and Co.; Murphy and Godfrey v. G.S. and W. Rly. Co., P. J. O'Sullivan; Ely's estate, J. L. Scallan and Co.; Sinnott's estate, do.; do., H. Kelly; Byrne, decd., T. Maguire; Carey, decd., W. W. Harris; Representative Church Body v. Mayne, Maunsell, Darley, and Orpen; do. v. Mayne, M. J. O'Connor; Schauenberg v. Livingston, Wynne and Wynne; Segrave to Kierans, M. J. Kierans; Lisburn U.D.C. to Young, W. Young. Master Denning, 11—Exparte Taxations—Stone v. Hamilton, R. W. MacNeice; Molloy v. Wallace, A. Campbell; O'Connor v. Kettle, C. M. Grimes; Brien v. Cuffe, C. Friery; Kane, decd., John Gore.

LAND REGISTRY.—Before Mr. Justice Ross, at 11.30—Exparte Motions—James M'Lean and ancr. (Folio 2970 and ors., Co. Down); Michael Foley (Folio 5117, Co. Leitrim).

LAND JUDGES.—Mr. Justice Ross (at the conclusion of the Land Registry List)—Summons—Glynn v. O'Conor and ors. Courts (E.P.) Act—Mackay v. Dub. Corp. Land Cases—Chamber—Margaret J. Trott; David Finlay and ors.; G. P. Morris, to explain delay. Court—Edward O'Gorman. Conveyances will be executed at 11.30 o'clock. Attestants to attend in Record Office at 11. Mr. Dick, Examiner—Land Commn. Cases—R. W. Young; Andrew Webb; Jervis estate. Mr. Dickinson, Examiner—Land Comn. Case—H. J. Thacker. Receiver Office—Mr. Foot, Examiner, at 11. Applns. for Directions—National Bank v. Beirne, from 4th inst. 11.30—Receivers' Accounts—Cornelius O'Leary's estate, from 11th inst., O'Keeffe and Lynch; Kennedy v. Kennelly, R. A. Howe; Daniel Kelly and ors., minors, reentry, G. A. Howe.

KING'S BENCH DIVISION.—ADMIRALTY—Exparte Motions.

In Court 1.—Civil Side—Exparte Motions at 11.15. Summonses—Duffer v. Deeran; Wallace Bros. v. Killeen. Crown Side—Exparte Motions. Civil Side (con.)—Motions on Notice—Royal Bank of Ireland v. Carroll; same v. Gibson; Kelly v. Flood.

BEFORE THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.—In Nisi Prius Court No. 1, at 11. City Special—Martin v. Martin. The City Special Jurors are required to attend this morning in Nisi Prius Court No. 1, at 11—Absent jurors will be fined.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE DODD.—In King's Bench Court No. 2, at 11—City Common—Hammond v. Miller, Boyd and Reid. Co. Appeals—Thos. and Mary French, applts., v. Bride Scully; Thos. Jones v. Marcella Mooney, applt. City Appeals—Patk. Munroe, applt. v. Jas. M'Cann; George P. Scythes, applt., v. Lorcan G. Sherlock; Jos. M'Cleane, applt., v. Corp. of Dublin; Abraham W. Briscoe, applt., v. Wm. Moore; Jas. Belgin, applt., v. Bernard Colgan and anor; John Byrne, applt., v. Denis Sullivan; Essanay Film Service v. Herbert Malley, applt.; J. and A. Gardiner v. Wallace Bros., applts.; Patrick Lawlor v. Elizabeth Cullen, applt. (withdrawn). The City Common Jurors sworn in the above case at hearing are required to attend this morning in King's Bench Court No. 2 at 11. The unsworn City Common Jurors need not attend until Dec. 19th.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE MOORE.—In King's Bench Court No. 1, at 11. For Judgment—Evans and anor. v. Pilkington and anor. For Wednesday—City Common—Flanagan v. Bellew; Rea and anor. v. Rea. For Thursday—Non-Juries—Toober v. Morris; Miles v. Miles. For Friday—Non-Jury—M'Clelland v. Speiro and ors.

BANKRUPTCY.—Before Mr. Justice Pim, at 10.45—Cummins, witnesses, E. F. Collins; arrangt., pr. dts.—Scallan and Co. Before the Chief Registrar or Chief Clerk, at 11—Clarke, pr. dts. and vch., D. O'Grady; arrangt., ac. comp., C. J. Reddy; do., pr. dts., Neilson and Son and Dawson.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.—Land Purchase Acts. At the Examiners' Chambers, Dublin Castle. Before Mr. J. G. Franks, at 11—P. Campion. At 12—E. R. Turton. At 3—R. A. P. O'Shee.

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The present state of the house was reported as follows:—

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No. of Patients in Hospital on the 31st October, 1917	110	6	116	
Admitted during the month of November, 1917	127	16	143	
				259
Died	19	—	19	
Discharged cured	104	5	109	
				128
Remaining in Hospital, 30th November, 1917	114	17		—131

The accounts for supplies to the hospital during the month were examined and paid.

The Medical Superintendent reported that there was an increase in the number of scarlatina patients admitted. Enteric, pneumonia, and diphtheria were about the average. Some measles and erysipelas cases were also admitted.

Messrs. James Adam and Edgar A. Pim were appointed Visiting Governors for the current month.

After the transaction of the necessary business, the Board adjourned.

The Managing Committee thankfully acknowledge the following subscriptions and donations received during the past month:—

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Mrs. Ward	1	0	0
"R. S. A."	2	2	0
W. M. Murphy, J.P.	3	0	0
P. Kavanagh and Sons	1	0	0
Arnott and Co., Dublin, Ltd.	3	0	0
Masonic Female Orphan School	4	4	0
Bank of Ireland	20	0	0
Jewish Hospital and Medical Aid Society	2	2	0
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Masonic Boys' School	5	5	0

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Toys and Toy Fund—5/-, the Rev. A. L. Rhind, B.D., The Rectory, Grange Con, Co. Wicklow; 10/-, J. D. Fisher, Esq., 33 Highfield road, Rathgar; E. Anderson, Esq., J.P., Lismallon, Westminster road, Foxrock; toys collected by the Pim children, 5 Clifton terrace, Monkstown; Anonymously; 5/-, Miss Hone, Rosevale, Raheny; £1, Mrs. Wilmot Mitchell, Ballynure, Grange Con; 2/6, Miss Fisher, 33 Highfield road, Rathgar; toys collected by the Pim children, 5 Clifton terrace, Monkstown (second contribution); £1, Mrs. Boyd-Rochfort, Coolamber, Westmeath.

Toys, fruit, flowers, books.—Children's Service, Hospital Sunday, St. Brigid's, Castleknock, per the Very Rev. the Dean of the Chapel Royal; picture books, Master Ernie Gray, 19 Lullymore terrace, S.C. road.

Pears—J. T. Pim, Esq., Rinnamara, Monkstown.

Playing cards—Mrs. Marks, 10 Kenilworth road, Rathgar.

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Also fifty newspapers, twelve *Daily Sketch* and *Daily Mirror*, and ten illustrated papers and magazines from the boxes at Westland row and Harcourt street Stations.

THE COTTAGE HOME, KINGSTOWN.

The monthly Committee meeting of the Cottage Home for Little Children, Kingstown, was held at the Cottage Home on December 13th, the Rev. C. Dowse in the chair. There were present:—Mrs. Walkington, Miss Law, Miss Parry, Mrs. Herbert Dudgeon, Mrs. Alcock, Miss Pidgeon, Mrs. Orpen, the Rev. J. Pim, and the Hon. Secretary. The reports showed that there were 40 children in the Home, and two boarded out. The health of all was very good. The visitors reported everything to be satisfactory. Miss Law, Miss Pidgeon, and Miss Parry were appointed visitors.

The accounts for November showed that £45 12/- had been received from donations, £2 15/- from collections; offertory, Rathfarnham Church, £8; Monkstown Church, £10 12/6. An anonymous thankoffering of £10 and another of £2 had been received, also £25 from Evelyn Lady De Vesci and £10 from the Hon. Georgina Vesey, per Mrs. G. Stewart. The monthly cheques required amounted to £120 5/2, including £19 6/- for coal and £15 for milk (the latter for one month only). These payments will leave the bank account £112 13/8 overdrawn. The All Ireland Needlework Guild kindly sent 80 garments, and some kind friends had given toys for Christmas dolls, and apples would be very welcome. The Christmas Gift Day will be held at the Cottage Home on the afternoon of Wednesday next, December 19th. The children will sing, tea will be provided, and an art gallery has been kindly organised.

DUBLIN PRISON GATE MISSION.

The monthly meeting was held at Blackhall place, on Friday last, 14th inst. There were present:—Miss Robinson (in the chair), Miss Fausset, Mrs. Gavin Low, Mrs. Highton, Miss Lucy Harden, Mrs. G. Griffin, Mrs. Kirkwood, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. R. Morgan, Mrs. Albert Morris, Miss Pidgeon, Miss Whisler, and William Hayes, Esq. The proceedings having been opened with prayer, the minutes were read, and the receipts and accounts examined and passed. The financial statement was submitted as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Overdraft last statement				£1,241	7	3
Receipts—						
Laundry earnings	£159	2	2			
Work Room earnings	127	4	11			
Sale of work	85	1	6			
Subscriptions, etc.	117	15	0			
Legacy, Mdlle. Vaille	100	0	0			
Interest on investments	13	3	2			
				602	6	9
Payments—						
General expenses	£97	10	0			
Accounts	189	6	0			
				286	16	0
Bank account overdrawn				£925	16	6

The best thanks of the Committee were voted to the representatives of the late Mdlle. Vaille for that lady's generous legacy. The usual routine business was transacted.

A VERDICT of accidental death was returned at a Hertfordshire inquest held on Sunday on the body of Second Lieutenant James Lionel Andrews, Royal Flying Corps, aged 30, who fell from an aeroplane at Shenleybury and fractured his skull and neck. The inquest was held on Sunday at the military's request.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION IN IRELAND.

VIEWS OF THE DUBLIN CORPORATION.

A special meeting of the Municipal Council of Dublin was held yesterday in the City Hall for the purpose of considering a notice of motion, duly given, "to endorse the amendment recently proposed in the British House of Commons by Mr. Joseph Devlin (according to the principle approved by the Irish Trades' Congress) in favour of applying the principle of proportional representation to Parliamentary elections in county boroughs and counties in Ireland which may be entitled in the scheme to be prepared by the forthcoming Speaker's Conference, to elect three or more members."

The Lord Mayor (Alderman Laurence O'Neill) presided.

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Mr. P. T. Daly, the Council passed a vote of condolence to Mr. Chase, T.C., on the death of his mother.

Mr. Sherlock said he was partly responsible for bringing the members together in this busy time, but his apology was that as a Conference under the presidency of the Speaker of the House of Commons was about to consider the question of redistribution for Ireland he was hopeful that an expression of opinion from this Council might influence the members of Parliament and the Speaker. The Corporation had recently passed a resolution repudiating the redistribution proposals of the Boundaries Commission, and since then the House of Commons itself had repudiated those proposals. The extension of the franchise was coming to this country as a separate Act, and there would be a new Bill in regard to redistribution, and it was of great importance that the people of the country should have an opportunity of declaring their views as to the lines on which redistribution should apply. His view was that it should proceed on the lines of proportional representation and all that it stands for. It would mean the joining up of certain constituencies, so as they may have a choice of persons for whom the voters could give a second or third or fourth vote. The effect of that would be that a substantial minority in every constituency would find representation. That, as a working system, would bring to the nation's development the best intellect of the country. (Hear, hear.) It was working well in many countries. It was provided for in the Home Rule Act of 1914, to be applied to Dublin and Belfast and to all Ireland for the election of the members of the Irish National Senate. Men elected on this system would be more independent than those who relied upon the existing majority system. (Hear, hear.) He believed that the principle should commend itself to every man of reasonable judgment; it would be for the protection of all substantial minorities, and it was backed up by all sections of the community.

Mr. John Ryan seconded the motion. He had studied the subject, and was convinced that it was an equitable mode of giving fair representation to every section of thought in the country. (Hear, hear.) He said it was a monstrous thing to find thousands of persons of one way of thinking deprived of representation by a mere majority. (Hear, hear.) If it should have the effect of benefiting a minority in the South it would have a like effect in the North, and things would be equalised.

Mr. Beattie, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Proportional Representation Association, said he knew of no better system whereby all sections and parties could be represented. He believed that if proportional representation had obtained in this country during the last fifty years there would have been no rebellion. (Hear, hear.) If any section in a community did not find legitimate means of expression it was certain to burst out violently some time or another. He would like to see the principle of proportional representation applied not only to Parliamentary elections but to municipal elections. It would have the effect of making town councillors who were nice fellows to meet outside, but who voted in the Council not according to their consciences—(cries of "Oh, oh")—more independent and stronger men in dealing with the affairs of the public.

Mr. John S. Kelly said that as a Nationalist, as a trades unionist, and as a temperance advocate he respectfully dissented from the motion. (Laughter.)

The Lord Mayor—Don't laugh at the temperance advocate.

Mr. Kelly said he was a strong adherent of majority rule.

Mr. Reigh said he believed the proportional representation system would work admirably. It would, he believed, break down the party system and do away with corruption. It would, however, be a mistake to make the constituencies too large.

Mr. P. T. Daly supported the motion, but it was for reasons different to those given by Mr. Ryan. The Labour Party supported the motion because they believed Labour was coming into its own, and as there were many interests in this country they wished to be generous to those who in the past had left Labour in the wilderness.

Mr. Cosgrave said he could not support the motion. He moved as an amendment the following:—

> This Council endorses the principle approved by the Irish Trades Congress in favour of applying proportional representation to elections in county boroughs and counties in Ireland, the details of which shall be incorporated in a report before final approval.

He objected to the original motion because it would commit the Council to the policy of supporting representation in the English Parliament, and he did not think it would be wise to do that in the present state of affairs.

Mr. P. S. Doyle seconded the amendment.

Mr. Sherlock asked the Council to reject the amendment. There was not an iota of difference amongst the members of the Council as to the principle of proportional representation. (Hear, hear.) While acknowledging his respect and affection for Mr. Cosgrave, his mind abhorred a sham. At the last meeting of the Council, when they wanted legislative powers to pay interest for loans, Mr. Cosgrave assented to the proposal, and now in a more vital matter he objected to go to Parliament. What was the use of shutting their eyes to the fact that at the moment a Committee of the House of Commons were considering the question of redistribution for Ireland, and, whether the people of Ireland liked it or not, some sort of redistribution would come. Wasn't it commonsense to try and get the best settlement they could?

On a division the amendment was defeated by 34 votes to 2.

The original motion was carried by 33 votes to 3.

THE LARCENY OF TEA.

A man of no fixed occupation, William Kane, living at 29 Lower Dominick street, charged by Sergeant Barton yesterday in the Dublin Police Court with the larceny of a chest of tea, worth £10, belonging to the London and North-Western Railway Company, was sentenced by Mr. Lupton to six months' imprisonment. A carter, John O'Toole, gave evidence that, as he was delivering goods in North King street he saw a man go off with a half chest of tea on his back. Seeing the chest to be one that had been on his lorry, he followed the man; the latter dropped the chest and ran away. Another carter said that he recognised the accused as the man who had run off with the chest of tea. Kane pleaded guilty. Having previously been convicted of stealing goods from lorries he was now sent to prison for six months' hard labour.

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THE MANSION HOUSE COAL FUND.

THE LESSON OF "BLIGHT."

The Lord Mayor of Dublin presided over a public meeting which took place last evening in the Mansion House, Dublin, to support the Coal Fund.

Sir John Irwin, who is the Hon. Secretary, along with Mr. Edward Kevans, read the Committee's report, which stated that during the season 1915-1916 subscriptions amounting to £811 17/5 were received. About 8,000 bags of coal were distributed free to the very poor of the city through the usual charitable organisations. Acting upon the suggestion of the Lord Mayor (Sir James Gallagher) the work of this fund was for the past winter, 1916-1917, merged in a special combined effort put forward by his lordship for providing coal for working-class families at 1/6 per bag, the balance of cost being obtained by special subscriptions, in addition to making the usual grants of free coal to the very poor through the charitable societies. This arrangement proved very successful, and some 2,411 tons—38,576 bags—of the subsidised and free coal were distributed. Owing to the present difficulty of obtaining supplies of coal even at a very high cost it is proposed to confine the work of the Committee during the present winter to the providing of coal for the relief of the very poor, who cannot afford to contribute anything to the cost of such a necessary of life, and it is hoped the response to the appeal of the present Lord Mayor will be prompt and generous.

The Lord Mayor moved to adopt the report. The Lady Mayoress had undertaken to have a Flag Day, which, he trusted, would be supported throughout the city. It was extraordinary to him how the poor were living at present. It was hard to think that they were hungry; it was worse to think that they were cold these hard days and nights. Personally, he did not like appealing for charity if it could be avoided. He had always maintained that the poor people in Dublin did not want charity—that it was work, a living wage, and a decent house they wanted.

Rev. Dr. Osborne seconded the proposal. He thought that the Society had gained access to the very poor. There were some amongst the poor who were too proud to confess their poverty. They were a difficult class, and a considerable class in this city. But through the Associations with which they of the fund were in touch they were reaching that class. In these islands of ours the necessities of the time were bringing us very closely together. The "annals of the poor" were not simple at all. So they of the fund must try to help until the time came when there would be an honest independence through brotherhood from the top to the bottom, and fraternity as well. The Lord Mayor deserved the confidence of the citizens from the highest to the lowest. Whatever might be their opinions on other matters, they believed that he was the Chief Magistrate of the City of Dublin in real earnest.

The meeting adopted the report.

Mr. William Field proposed that the fund was deserving of the citizens' hearty support. There were two great cruxes in Dublin—one, the housing, the other the wages system. These he thought to be the vast cause of the poverty. To subscribe to this fund was a good investment.

Dr. James Ashe seconded the proposal, as one of the medical men of the city. He spoke of the play "Blight" which had been produced by a member of his profession. Anyone who had seen it would have brought home to him in a forcible manner what was happening in Dublin at the present time. In his own opinion it was not the want of medicine but the want of food that was preventing them from keeping well.

Dr. O'Brien supported the resolution. He knew of no charity which went more directly to the alleviation of the suffering of the poor. From an economic standpoint he held that twenty shillings worth of coal would maintain a family often longer than twenty shillings worth of food.

Sir Thomas Russell said that, whatever we might quarrel about in Ireland, there was no reason for quarrelling about a coal fund. In weather like the present, and in times like these, the thing spoke for itself. He had believed for some time that the poverty of Dublin was exaggerated. He had thought that the Dublin poor were not so badly off as the poor of some cities in England and Scotland. But the housing question was really worse than in any of those cities. He had gone to the play Dr. Ashe referred to. Although he might say there was a tone of exaggeration, still it represented the facts of city life. The truth was told on Saturday as he had never before heard it told in regard to the poor of Dublin. What was the use of people talking if they were not going to get something done? They were talking about the tenement system. It was a disgrace to the city—(Mr. Field—"A disgrace to the Government")—a disgrace to the Government if he liked. Coming out of a resaurant the other day, where he had had a meal rationed in a kind, he saw a little child standing against the door almost naked. The child said he was hungry: that boy preached a sermon at the door. The labourers' wages throughout Ireland had leaped up 15/- to 25/- a week. What we had to see was that the wages were adequate to the work. He did not believe that in the long list of Lords Mayor he had known he had ever met one who gave himself so to the work which the Chief Magistrate ought to do, as the present Lord Mayor did. He hoped that the Lord Mayor would see the reward of his labours. (Applause.)

The meeting agreed to the resolution.

It was announced that the Lord Mayor had a letter from Mr. Power, Private Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, enclosing a donation from His Excellency of £100.

There was also a donation of £50 received through Mr. John Redmond from the United Irish League of Hobart.

The Lord Mayor, acknowledging a vote of thanks, said he had the greatest hope that the fights between labour and capital were over. He had come to believe that, if strikes were over, a better feeling would prevail between masters and men in Dublin.

COAL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant	£100	0	0
"Ada Lewis Hill Bequest" (per the Lord Mayor, High Sheriff, and Dr. Sherlock, Trustees)	100	0	0
Lady Mayoress's Coal Fund Ball (per Miss O'Neill) (first instalment)	50	0	0
United Irish League, Hobart, Tasmania (per Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P.)	50	0	0
Sports held at Bohemian Football Grounds (under the auspices of I.C.A. and I.A.A.A., per Mr. H. M. Finlay, Hon. Sec.)	30	0	0
Lady Emily FitzGerald-Arnott, Blackrock	10	0	0
Dublin Old Whiskey Co., Ltd., Sheriff street (per Mr. P. J. Murphy, Director)	10	0	0
Mr. John Whelan (per the Lady Mayoress)	5	0	0
The Carmelite Fathers, St. Teresa's, Clarendon street	5	0	0
Alderman Flanagan, Portmahon House, S.C. Road	10	0	0
The Trustees "Winstanley Bequest"	4	7	1
Mr. P. Monks, 79 Queen street	2	2	0
Mr. Barney Nugent, Montpelier Hill	2	0	0
Sir Algernon Coote, H.M.L., 17 Herbert street	2	0	0
"Anonymous" (per the Lord Mayor)	2	0	0
Dr. C. M. O'Brien, Merrion square	2	0	0
Messrs. Forrest, Son, and Co., Grafton street	3	0	0
Messrs. John Leonard and Son, Little Green street	2	0	0
Mr. J. McDermott, 16 Fleet street	1	1	0
Mr. Hugh D. Brown, 72 Upper Leeson street	1	1	0
Miss Falconer, 23 Fitzwilliam place	1	1	0
Captain B. Daly, Tullamore	1	1	0
Mrs. Kenny, Mary street (per Lady Mayoress)	1	0	0
Mr. John Maunsell, N. Gt. George's st.	1	0	0
Mr. M. A. Maude Townsend, 12 Fitzwilliam place	1	0	0
Right Rev. Monsignor Fitzpatrick, P.P., V.G.	1	0	0
Mr. John Conroy	2	0	0
Mr. Philip Smith, Solicitor	1	0	0
Mr. James Mackey, J.P.	1	0	0
"Anonymous" (per the Lord Mayor)	1	0	0
Mr. Thos. Carson, Nebraska, America	0	6	9
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Mr. Wm. Broderick	1	0	0
Messrs. Palgrave, Murphy, and Co.	25	0	0
Sir Patrick Shortall, T.C.	5	0	0
The High Sheriff (Dr. Myles Keogh)	5	0	0
Ven. Archdeacon Fricker (per Sir John Irwin)	2	0	0
Credit Balance from last season	101	9	4
Mr. Wm. Field, M.P.	1	0	0
Sir Joseph Downes, J.P.	5	0	0
Sir John Irwin, J.P.	2	2	0
Mr. Edw. Kevans, J.P.	2	2	0
Messrs. O'Loughlin, Murphy, and Boland	5	0	0
Mr. John Fogarty, J.P.	2	2	0
Mr. Michael O'Dea, J.P.	5	5	0
The Right Hon. Sir Thos. W. Russell, Bart., M.P.	2	2	0
Mr. William Perrin	1	0	0
Mr. J. Boyd Dunlop, J.P.	5	5	0
Mr. W. F. Mulligan, T.C.	1	1	0
Rev. J. Denham Osborne, M.A., D.D.	0	10	6
Mr. Patrick Marlowe, J.P.	2	0	0
Mr. M. Stafford	1	0	0
Major Arthur Whewell	2	2	0
Doctor James S. Ashe	2	2	0
Grafton Picture House (Special Matinée for Coal Fund)	15	8	9
Alderman James J. Kelly, J.P.	1	1	0

PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of the Committee was held in the Boardroom, 28 Molesworth street—Sir Ralph S. Benson in the chair. Present:—Very Rev. the Dean of the Chapel Royal, Revs. H. C. Cave, M.A.; W. M. Gibbon, M.A.; J. G. D. Pyper, M.A.; Hugh W. B. Thompson, M.A.; A. W. Ardagh, M.A.; Henry Taylor, M.A.; Messrs. H. F. Berry, I.S.O., Litt.D.; William Robinson, William Hayes, Edward Robinson, James Robinson, M.A.; Henry Harden, LL.B.; Colonel G. C. Dobbs.

The monthly financial statement was submitted and approved, and cheques were drawn for the several payments contained therein. Three applicants for admission were all successful.

A meeting of the Kinsey Marriage Portion Committee was also held in the Boardroom the same day. This Committee distributes to eligible orphans the half-yearly dividend on the bequest of the late Joseph Kinsey, especially left by him for the purpose. There were 15 applications for marriage portions, 13 of which were successful.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

St. George's Y.M.C.A.—Usual weekly meeting this evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Reading Room, 66 Eccles street. Short papers by members.

Harold's Cross Y.M.C.A.—Usual weekly meeting this evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Parochial Hall, Leinster road, West. Scripture study, "The Resurrection of the Body," I. Cor. xv. Long essay, "Unrest in the Church of Ireland: A suggested cause and cure," by Mr. G. B. Butler. Opening speaker—Mr. S. A. O. FitzPatrick.

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Tuesday, December 18.

Morning Service at 10 o'clock. Psalm, xci. Benedictus, IV. Hymn, 373. Evening Service at 4 o'clock. Note—Men's voices only. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Goss in A. Anthem, "O Key of David," Stainer.

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Tuesday, December 18.

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SPORTING NEWS.

WINTER RACING.

The subjoined communication respecting winter racing was furnished to the Press yesterday evening by Messrs. Weatherby:—

The Stewards of the National Hunt Committee have received the following letter:—

10 Downing street, Whitehall, S.W.,
17th December, 1917.

Dear Sir,—With further reference to your letter of the 10th December last, I am desired by the Prime Minister to inform you that the War Cabinet have authorised the Food Controller to issue licences to allow horses engaged in fixtures agreed by the Board of Trade to receive a ration of oats, the ration to be 15lbs. a day each for a number of horses not exceeding 500, and the period of the ration not to extend beyond the middle of April.—Yours faithfully,

J. T. Davies.

NATIONAL HUNT COMMITTEE.

The fixtures for January are:—January 10, Windsor; January 16 and 17, Gatwick; January 23 and 24, Lingfield; January 30 and 31, Plumpton.

The Stewards of the National Hunt Committee give notice to all licensed trainers and those owners who train their own horses that they are requested to make an immediate return to the Registry Office of horses which it is intended to race under National Hunt Rules, in order that the necessary particulars may be forwarded to the Controller of Horse Transport.

BLOODSTOCK SALE AT KNIGHTSBRIDGE.

At Knightsbridge, London, yesterday morning Messrs. Tattersall offered for sale by auction a number of thoroughbred mares and foals, which had been purchased earlier in the year for export to Russia, but the shipment of which was found impossible. There were eleven lots, and they were offered unreservedly. The best price was made by the 10-year-old mare, Birdswing, by Flying Fox—Game Chick, for which Mr. J. P. Hornung paid 3,000 guineas. Her colt foal by Chaucer was secured by Mr. W. E. Livock at 500 guineas. Fosse (5 yrs.), by Your Majesty—Verne, made 620 guineas (Mr. G. W. Mayall), and the 5-year-old mare, Ronaldine, by Dark Ronald—St. Olive, was knocked down for 540 guineas (Mr. W. Allison). A bay colt foal by Black Jester—Fosse made 430 guineas (Mr. R. Mills).

HUNTING.

THE MEATH.
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

All trace of frost had left the ground by Friday, when Kilmoon was the venue. A beginning was made with Mr. Reynolds' stick covert, which held. He would not break covert, so after a good deal of hound-work in it he was left, and Mr. Rogers' grove at Piercetown was next drawn. There was a good fox here, and he broke quickly from the lower end. Hounds commenced to run fast, carrying the line across the hill, crossing the road leading to Piercetown House. Keeping it close on the left the pack swept over the laneway and road, pointing towards Kilmoon sticks, but he wheeled sharply back right-handed, with Mr. Rogers' house on the right, as if he meant the Hawkinstown country. However, at Coolford the great scent suddenly failed, and a fine hunt of 25 minutes ended in hounds being beaten. Dunville's sticks held a brace, the first to break leading by Flanagan's furze over the Kilmoon road, and to ground at Port Lester. A second draw of the covert resulted only in unimportant local hunting, resulting in loss of scent.

THE WARD UNION STAGHOUNDS.
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

A large field assembled at Kilbride on Saturday and enjoyed another good day's sport, which commenced on Mr. Brindley's farm at Mullinam. The stag at first seemed loth to quit his surroundings, but on hearing the hounds in pursuit very quickly got going, and away went the pack very fast over the hill of Ballyhack to Glascairn, and on by the paddocks and Rathcoole to Raystown. Leaving Cosey Lodge on the right, they crossed the river near the hunting gap, and a little further on there was a most welcome check. Hitting off the line on Mr. Ward's land, they went over Killigland and across the Ratoath road at Staffordstown into Cookstown, and on to the Sutherland mearing, from where they wheeled back very sharp, and went through The Rath and Dunnea to Madgeen. Still going at top speed and with a greatly reduced number of followers, hounds crossed the Peter Simple racecourse to Johnstown, and on by Palmerstown and Whitestown to Woganstown and Clonmethon. Leaving the church on the left, hounds went by the back of the village of Oldtown to Westphalstown, where they brought the stag to bay at Leestown after a very fine hunt of an hour and a half.

GOLF.—Killiney.—Monthly medal, played for on Saturday:—Dr. J. Beckett, 91, 14, 77; C. L. Wrenn, 98, 14, 84; D. M. Field, 95, 9, 86.

RUGBY.—High School J.C.T. v. Rathmines College.—Played at Belgrave square, High School winning by 26 points to nil.

ASSOCIATION.—Curragh Cup Final.—There was a large attendance at the Newbridge football grounds on Saturday when the Cheshires met D Squadron Reserve Cavalry in the final of the Curragh (Church) Cup. The game was a very fast one. D Squadron won by 2 goals to nil.

LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC (DUBLIN CENTRE).

At an examination in connection with above Institution, held on 8th, 10th, 11th inst., at Gresham Hotel, the following, out of a large number, satisfied Examiner:—

A.L.C.M. Pf.—Eileen Ryan, Mary Fox (Sisters Holy Faith Convent, Glasnevin), Jennie McCarthy (Miss Roche, Organist), Josephine Ryan (Sisters Holy Faith Convent, Clontarf).

Advanced Senior Pf.—Henrietta Young (Mr. Haaus, Carlow), Florence Nightingale (Athlone).

Senior Pf.—Edith Lyons (Kenmare College), Elvina Shaw (Mrs. Croly), Eileen Attwooll, Ethel Worlin (Miss Hollywell, A.L.C.M.).

Advanced Intermediate Pf.—Irene Dunne (Miss Hollywell, A.L.C.M.), Mary Geraty (Convent Schools, King's Inns street, Miss Thornton, A.L.C.M.), Patricia Dennehy (Miss Thornton, A.L.C.M.), Kathleen Byrne (Miss Roche, Organist).

Intermediate Pf.—Babs Kavanagh (Sisters Convent Holy Faith, Coombe), Mary Reynolds (Mrs. Reynolds, Enfield), Edward McClery, Eileen Hiron (Mrs. Croly), Margaret Wadding, Anna Wadding (Mrs. J. Delaney Brennan, A.L.C.M.), Dorothy Stone, Olga Holt, Lillian Merrelson; Violin, Agnes Foley (Miss Holt); Pf., Georgina Darker, Rathmines Ladies' College (Miss Wakefield), David Millar, Jane Caughlin (Mrs. Graham).

Elementary Pf.—William Walshe (Mr. Arthur J. Cullen), Wilhelmina Crawford (Mrs. Croly), Kathleen Quilty, Annie Quilty (Miss Walsh), Florence Stewart (Rathmines Ladies' College, Miss Wakefield), Gretta Cahill (Miss Jones), Elly Whelan (Convent of Charity, James's street, Miss McIntyre), Mary Devlin (Miss Roche, Organist), Maudie Hanman (King's Inns street Convent, Miss Thornton, A.L.C.M.), Ethel Greene, Mary Maguire (Miss Hollywell, A.L.C.M.), John Kelly (Miss Goggin); Violin, Olga Holt (Miss Holt), Mary Costello (Mrs. Freyne, Edenderry), Lena Kernoff (Miss Solomon, A.L.C.M.), Jane Crichton (Mrs. J. Delaney Brennan, A.L.C.M.); Primary, Mary Barrett, Lizzie Kinsella, Mary Kelly (Convent of Charity, James's street, Miss McIntyre), Jane Green, Ria Epstein, Jessie Landan (Miss Solomon, A.L.C.M.), Mary Seaver (Miss Cooney), George Pirrie, Muriel Mitchell, Robert Graham (Mrs. Croly), Muriel Bolton (Miss Jones), Lila Benwell (Miss Grundy), Madge Brennan (Mrs. J. Delaney Brennan, A.L.C.M.), Kathleen Brady (Miss K. Burke), Mary Twinem (Miss Walsh), May McCormack (Miss Holt), Eileen Williamson, Helena Farrell, Margaret Darcy (Miss Hollywell, A.L.C.M.); Violin, Lloyd Crichton (Miss Holt).

THE NATIONAL LITERARY SOCIETY.

Last evening, at the National Literary Society, Dublin, Mr J. R. Clegg delivered a lecture on "Street Songs, Past and Present." Dr. George Sigerson, the President, occupied the chair. In summing up, he said that while frivolity in song may go to undesirable lengths, its impeachment should not be too caustic. It may be defended by the fact that it is often made the medium for satirising the follies and foibles of the time. And should there be no lesson, nonsense, gay and frank, may fulfil a useful purpose. It is as necessary to youth as the sunshine. And not only youth, for "a little folly now and then is relished by the wisest men." The gay Parisian formula, "Vive la bagatelle," does not conflict with the fine national spirit that the French are showing to-day, and the Latin, "Dum vivimus vivamus," comes down to us in all its healthy concreteness. In England, notwithstanding a time of widespread domestic grieving, the multitude has adopted the spirit lyrically expressed in "Smile, smile, smile." In Ireland we have also heavy household griefs and public troubles of our own, and we worry much, forgetting the homely adage that "care killed the cat." The freedom of small nationalities is now a matter of serious public concern, but its consideration should not altogether swallow up the gaiety of nations, which it sometimes seems, with us, to menace. On one side we have the oft alleged sourness and dourness of the protagonists of a certain public opinion; on the other, there is the frequent accusation of an inveterate melancholy and lugubriousness. And we have the recognised temperamental sadness of the Celtic poetical school. In a recent article Mr. Daniel Corkery, an Irish writer, who has claims to attention, remarked of the greater part of modern Irish verse that over it is "an air of hopeless langour." We want, there and elsewhere, more liveliness, more spirit, more humour, more optimism. In our native drama, while the native comic spirit is being well preserved and adapted to present date, there is no recourse to the moving ditties that in former Irish plays so often lent enchantment to Irish scenes. Boucicault, and, before him, Sheridan, did not overlook this occasional aid to drama. Having regard to the paucity of production of modern Irish songs which appeal to Irish youth, and treat of the themes of youth, it is no wonder that English productions, not always judiciously chosen, should be found on Irish concert platforms. The watch-dogs of Irish Ireland are often to be heard growling over this, and no doubt their ideas of exclusiveness may be extreme. The question must force itself—Why are British songs so frequently placed on Irish programmes, in the face of constant and strenuous remonstrance? And the obvious answer is that in Ireland there is little or no output of songs of the same desirable class, and having a desirable Irish character. Until our Irish creative energy is vigorously directed into the old and once splendidly cultivated fields of national music and song, and new and fittingly modernised crops are raised from that still fruitful soil, the songs sung by our Irish youth must be borrowed largely from that ever-growing and indiscriminate repertoire that has its home in London.

At intervals during the lecture entertaining musical illustrations were given by Mrs. H. L. Brambell, Miss Florence Marks, and Miss O'Neill, the latter's melodies of Irish and various airs, as well as a fantasia of Moore's melodies, being much admired.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mr. S. A. O. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. R. D. Walsh, and supported by Mr. Gulnan.

The President, in putting the vote of thanks, which was unanimously adopted, made a careful and very interesting review of the lecture, which he praised highly, referring incidentally to his own wide acquaintance with the song literature of the time. He commended Mr. Clegg's reference to Moore, and remarked that the melodies of the poet had become so much part and parcel of Ireland by their simplicity, sweetness, and strength, that it might almost be said they were re-born with the birth of every child of Ireland. Referring to the admirable singing of "Savourneen Dheelish" by Mrs. Brambell, he repeated a verse of that poem, which he had rendered into Irish, and which had been written for a particular purpose.

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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Little fault could be found with the programme at the Theatre Royal Hippodrome last night. It was entertaining, varied, and up-to-date, and was much enjoyed by everyone. One of the best items was a comedy episode, "His Own Way," in which Miss Florence Wray and her company appear. Miss Wray is a charming artist in many respects, and her portrayal of an actress was a remarkably interesting and satisfying performance. Mr. Fred. C. Glover was her complement as the solicitor, and the piece was much assisted by Mr. Robert George as the solicitor's son, and Mr. Joseph Freeman as the butler. The sketch, which is well written, is by R. G. Hunter and Harold Shaw. Another little sketch was given by the Dublin Repertory Company under the direction of Mr. Evelyn Ashley, entitled "The Key of the Situation," by George Arthurs. It is also an interesting piece, and was well played by Miss Alice Keating, Miss Hilda Tinsley, Mr. Tom Madden, and Mr. Bryan Herbert. The rest of the programme was variety. Mr. John J. Duignan, a Feis Ceoil gold medallist, has a fine bass voice, of good expression, and sings with musical ability; but why should he limit his efforts to the appreciation of the gentlemen of the orchestra? The rest of the house would also like to hear him. Harrington, entertainer, was very "slick" with the cards, and performed some good tricks. Annie Clohisey gave pleasing Irish dances. It is a good while since our old friend, Nelson Jackson, was in Dublin. He is a host in himself, and many were pleased to see him in such good form and with a bunch of up-to-date songs and stories. Another entertainer and raconteur of a high class was Miss Helen Charles. She specialises in imitation of juveniles, and does it remarkably well. Harry Lamore, with his "bag o' tricks," pays a return visit, and is as amusing as ever. His work as the tipsy swell on the slack wire is a clever piece of balancing. "Irish Events" on the bioscope are better than usual this week.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

The Christmas pantomime has begun its career at the Queen's, in the character of "Little Jack Horner," and in making his bow to the public he has been given a reception which cannot but be a source of encouragement to him on his way. The "book" is the work of Mr. Arthur Lucan, by whom, also, the pantomime, in which he takes a leading part, is produced. The story is presented in two acts, divided into ten scenes. The principal parts are—The wicked Baron (Mr. J. B. Strain), his pretty ward, Marjory (Miss Clarice Chesnew); Jack Horner (Miss Marion Scott); Dame Horner (Mr. Lucan), and her daughter, Frolic (Miss Kitty M'Shane). Scene IV. presents the landing stage at Liverpool, where the whole party are making ready to start for Ireland to see the beauties of Glendalough and the Vale of Avoca. These two scenes—very artistic they are—are written by Cathal McGarvey. He is very amusing as the guide, Paddy Barret. The Palace scene, at the close, is a brilliant setting, in which are introduced the *ensemble* in magnificent array. Miss Marion Scott makes a winsome principal boy as Jack, and sings some songs which are certain to be popular. The three little sisters Colley sing and dance very charmingly. Other dances are introduced by the Lennox Troupe. There are original lyrics by Gerald Kelly and Michael Kavanagh. Miss Lily Murtagh, as the monkey, created a good impression by her antics and her dancing. The entire pantomime went remarkably well for a first night performance. There are two houses a night.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

A first-class variety "bill" was staged at the Tivoli Theatre last night. It opened with Matthew Tobin, the blind entertainer from Bray, who put on an interesting show. A musical turn that merited more appreciation was given by Helen Moore and Mona Murray, one a pianist and vocalist and the other a violinist. Both are artists of much ability. Ray Wallace, the well-known entertainer, got a cordial reception, and gave a capital performance. The Gaumont Brothers, Danish comedy acrobats, were very amusing, and incidentally they performed many difficult feats in a neat manner. Wal and Rosa, in an eccentric patter act, caught the fancy of the audience; and Rosie Jaxon, an American girl, danced and sang herself into much popularity. May Allan, a vocalist with a phenomenal voice; the Melfords, in a fine dancing speciality, and the bioscope pictures completed an enjoyable entertainment.

The Carlton Cinema.—Pauline Frederick in "Her Better Half," an excellent Famous Players production, shown at 3, 5, 7, and 9.15 p.m. daily, is the chief attraction for the first half of the week at the Carlton Cinema, 52 Upper Sackville street. Other interesting features include "A Mixed Reception," a new two-part Fox comedy; a fresh instalment of the pictorial "History of the War," a cartoon entitled "The Plot that Failed," and a new Pathé Gazette. On Thursday there will be an entirely new programme, when Valeska Suratt will be shown in a powerful six-part Fox drama, entitled "The Decoy." There is an excellent programme of orchestral selections, with violin solos by Mr. Goldwater at 4.30 and 8.30 o'clock daily.

Princess Cinema, Rathmines.—A superb production by the Fox Film Co., entitled "A Tale of Two Cities," being a pictorial rendering of one of the most dramatic of the novels of Charles Dickens, with the popular cinema actor, William Farnum, impersonating the two leading characters, is the leading item for the first half of the week at the Princess Cinema, Rathmines. The programme also includes a new Pathé Gazette, a fresh instalment of the "Pearl of the Army" serial, the official "History of the War," and a two-part exclusive Keystone comedy. Appropriate music is supplied by the string orchestra, under the conductorship of Professor Renaud.

Bohemian Picture Theatre.—"The Wandering Jew," being a five-part film rendering of Eugene Sue's sensational novel, is the chief item in the pictorial programme for the first half of the week at the Bohemian Picture Theatre, Phibsboro'. There are three excellent comedies, one of them showing Billy West in a laughable film, entitled "Cupid's Rivals," while the Gaumont Graphic and No. 23 of "Irish Events" show the latest incidents of the day. A fresh programme will be presented on Thursday, when the leading feature will be a six-part instalment of "Judex," comprising three episodes. The orchestral music is up to the customary high standard, with 'cello solos each evening by Mr. Clyde Twelvetrees.

Grafton Picture House.—"The Bottle Imp," a four-reel Lasky drama, abounding in strange and fantastic incidents, and showing Sessue Hayakawa in the leading part, constitutes the principal pictorial item in an attractive bill at the Grafton Picture House, Grafton street. There is also a highly interesting official war film dealing with the Portuguese Expeditionary Force in France, while the comedy items include a laughable film, "Love and Logs." "Bell Hops" is an excellent cartoon, while there is a full news programme, including the latest Irish Events, and excellent orchestral music, under the direction of Mr. Marks Rosenberg.

Sackville Picture House.—At the Sackville Picture House, Lower Sackville street, the principal attraction for the first half of the week is a Blue Ribbon Vitagraph drama, in five parts, entitled "Indiscretion," showing Lillian Walker in the leading part. Another interesting feature shows Miss Billie Burke in "Caught by the Seminoles," being the second chapter of the new serial "Gloria's Romance," while the programme also includes the latest "Irish Events" and a Nestor comedy, "Eddie's Night Out." A fresh programme will be presented on Thursday, when Rupert Julian will be shown in "Scrooge," a five-part "Blue Bird" picture.

Kingstown Pavilion.—In the main, the programme at the Kingstown Pavilion consists of enjoyable light comedy. The principal film is a five-part comedy drama, in which Douglas Fairbanks is the chief figure. It is an entertaining story. Ham and Bud are shown as "Blundering Blacksmiths," and make much good fun. "Picturesque Spain" presents most beautiful scenery, and there is also a good Pathé Gazette. On Thursday will be shown a wonderful detective story, entitled "The Iced Bullet," and Hank Mann in "His Final Blow Out."

MR. HOLDEN'S AUCTION.

To-morrow Mr. Holden will offer for sale two lots of city property. The newly-built two-storey house, 23 Richmond road, Drumcondra, is one of the lots. The other consists of three houses, 15, 16, and 17 Lombard street, Westland Row, which produce a yearly rental of £93 10/-. The auction takes place at one o'clock in the salerooms, 2 St. Andrew street.

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COMING EVENTS.

Rathmines District Coal Fund.—A public meeting to raise funds to supply coal to the poor resident in Rathmines Township is to be held at 4.30 to-day in the Town Hall, Rathmines, under the presidency of Mr. Geo. Metcalfe, J.P., Chairman of the U.D.C. The Lord Chief Justice and other speakers will address the meeting.

Concert at Broadstone.—The annual concert, under the patronage of the Chairman and Directors (M.G.W. Railway), in aid of the Railway Widows' Christmas Fund will be given this evening in the Workmen's Institute, Phibsborough road, Dublin. A most attractive programme has been arranged, and the artists include Miss Lily Christie, Miss Maud Clancy, Miss Edith Kelly, Mr. Arthur Lucas, Mr. T. W. Hall, and Mr. Dunne. Miss Madeline Moore will preside at the piano.

Blinded Soldiers' Fund.—In aid of the St. Dunstans' Institute for Blinded Soldiers, the choir of Charleston road Church, Rathmines, is rendering in the church to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Joseph Robinson's beautiful Cantata, "God Is Love." The Cantata will be followed by a short miscellaneous programme of organ and vocal music. There will be a silver offering in aid of the St. Dunstan's work amongst the blinded soldiers.

DUBLIN CASTLE RED CROSS HOSPITAL.

A meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of Dublin Castle Red Cross Hospital was held at the Castle on Monday afternoon. Mr. Wm. Martin Murphy, J.P., Chairman, presided, and the following were present:—Miss Mulvany, LL.D.; Mrs Owen Lewis, Sir Joseph McGrath, LL.D.; Sir William Fry, D.L., J.P.; Sir John Lynch, Sir William Thompson, M.D., Apologies were received from E. MacDowel Cosgrave, Esq., M.D. Also present—Major W. K. Carew, R.A.M.C.; Miss McArdle, Matron, and Mr. W. Vaughan, Secretary.

The Secretary reported that 218 patients had been received since last meeting, and 108 had been discharged, leaving in the wards at the present time 42 officers and 205 N.C.O.'s and men, the total number of patients received to date being 446 officers and 3,945 N.C.O.'s and men. The Matron reported that an exhibition of needlework had been held at the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, on the 11th December; the work was very much admired. The Gift Day held on the 13th instant at the Castle proved a great success, and the Committee desire to thank the generous public for their support of the Hospital on this occasion. A piano is much needed, and perhaps some kind friend will lend one for use in the Hospital.

Relative to the Christmas festivities, Mr. Digby has very kindly promised the Hospital a Christmas tree for the patients, and Mr. Goodbody has also sent a gramophone, fully equipped, for use in the Hospital. Lt.-Col. Hearn, R.A.M.C., very generously sent £10 donation towards Hospital expenses. Mr. and Mrs Geo. Sillar, St. Fintan's, Dalkey, again renewed their kind monthly donation of £4 towards maintenance of two beds which they support in the Hospital. Miss H. Knipe, Rathmoylon, Co. Meath, sent £10 to endow a bed, to be known as the Harry Knight bed, in memory of Tpr. A. McClean. Messrs. Boileau and Boyd, of this city, has donated £10 10/-, and for the Christmas Gift Day the amount of £60 18/- has been received.

A number of accounts were laid on the table, and cheques were ordered to be drawn in payment.

The Matron would be grateful for supplies of tobacco and cigarettes; the Hospital has been running short of these commodities. At this season, when the hearts of friends are touched, it is hoped that they will remember the claims of this great Hospital, which to-day is doing so much good for the suffering and wounded, and the Committee appeal with confidence to the Irish people to send gifts of poultry, game, vegetables, fruit, jam, and other articles all of which will prove most useful in the Hospital.

List of donors' names since last meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee:—Miss Rothwell, Auxiliary Hospital, Kells; Mrs. Synnott, Naas; British Red Cross Society, Dublin (3); Mrs. Corrigan, Medical Hall, Celbridge (2); Mrs. Clarke, Graignemoe, Thurles (2); Mrs. Wilkins, 19 Ormond road; Mrs. Herbert Dudgeon; Miss M. Kellett, Cintra, Stillorgan; the Misses Fry, 25 Grosvenor place (per Miss Thomas); Mr. H. A. Cowper, 29 Fitzwilliam place; Miss M. Murdock, Lower Knox street, Sligo; Mrs. Walsh, Eaton square, Terenure; D. A. Alexander, Esq., Rudge Whitworth, Ltd., Stephen's Green, Mrs. F. A. Kenny, Fynagh, Eyrecourt; Mrs. Collins, Boyne Hill, Navan; Mrs. Robinson, Wasdale, Terenure; Sir William Fry, D.L., J.P., Wilton House, Merrion (3); Mrs. Cusack, Abbeville House, Malahide; National Egg Collector, Dublin (2); H. P. Goodbody, Esq., Obelisk Park, Blackrock; Miss Gillmann, 18 Adelaide road; Tralee Work Party, per Mrs. Fitzgerald, Ballyard House, Tralee; Commissioner of Public Works (per J. Kearney); Stephen's Green; Capt. Bentley, Orwell Park, Rathgar; Mrs. Cronhelm, 47 York road, Rathmines (per Miss Thomas); Mrs. Longworth-Dames, Greenhill, Edenderry; Mrs. Bomford, Kilgarvan, Co. Kerry; Capt. Thomas, Belmont, Carlow; Mrs. Beatty, Belvedere, Ailesbury road; Mrs. Edmundson, Orwell Park; G. Lewis, Esq., Ballivor, Co. Meath; Mrs. Pod, Santry Court; Mrs. Spring, Polehore, Wexford.

Miss H. Knipe, Rathmolyon, Co. Meath, presented £10, collected by her to endow a bed in memory of Trooper A. M'Clean, S.I. Yeomanry, who died of fever at Gallipoli, December, 1915. The subscribers include:—

	£	s.	d.
Capt. and Mrs. Fowler, Rahinston House	£2	0	0
Miss H. Knipe	1	0	0
Mr. Fraser	0	5	0
Mr. T. W. Knipe	0	5	0
Mrs. T. W. Knipe	0	5	0
Mrs. R. H. Gill	0	5	0
Mr. Sam Hughes	0	4	6
Mr. Hastings	0	4	6
Mr. Hughes, Bullring	0	4	6
Rev. O. W. Walsh	0	4	0
Miss Douglas, Rathmolyon	0	3	0
Mrs. Grant	0	2	6
Miss Hanbury, Moate	0	2	6
Miss Douglas, Rahinston	0	2	6
Mr. Jos. Hughes	0	2	6
Mr. Harry Hughes	0	2	6
Mrs. R. Douglas	0	2	6
Mr. B. Reilly	0	2	6
Dr. O'Reilly, Trim	0	2	6
M. and James Watson	0	5	0
Miss D. Hanbury	0	2	0
Miss Louis Hanbury	0	2	0
Miss Laura Knipe	0	2	0
Miss Greene	0	2	0
Mr. Flynn	0	2	0
Mr. George, Agher	0	2	0
Mr. Dan Douglas	0	2	0
Mrs. Ennis	0	2	0
Mr Tom Hughes, Kilmore	0	2	0
Mr. Geoghegan	0	2	0
Mr. Rob. Hughes	0	2	0
Mrs. Tom Hughes	0	2	0
Mrs. A. Green	0	2	0
Mrs. Stanton	0	2	0
Mrs. Kane, Trim	0	2	0
"Anonymous"	0	4	0
Miss Eileen Stanton (collected)	1	0	0
Smaller amounts make total of £10	0	18	6
Mr. Charles Douglas	0	2	0
	£10	0	0

CHRISTMAS GIFT DAY.

	£	s.	d.
December 5th—			
Mrs. Le Clere MacDonald	£0	2	6
December 12th—			
Arthur L. Mooney, Esq.	1	1	0
Johnston, Mooney, and O'Brien	1	0	0
Lady Crofton	1	0	0
M'Donogh and Co.	1	0	0
December 13th—			
Mrs. Warren	1	0	0
Mrs. O'Donnell	2	0	0
Phoenix Park Distillery	2	2	0
Mrs. Mary C. Boydell	1	0	0
Capt. C. W. Robinson, Harcourt street	1	1	0
Mrs. Holloway, Crumlin	1	0	0
Officers in Hospital	20	10	0
Miss Marwick	1	0	0
Lieutenant-Colonel Hearn (patient)	5	0	0
Whiteside and Co.	2	0	0
Sir John Lynch	1	0	0
Mrs. Metcalf	1	0	0
Father Quigley	0	5	0
Mrs. W. K. Carew	1	0	0
J. Robb, Esq., R.I.C.	1	0	0
Collection Box	5	16	6½
	£50	18	0½

The Zoological Society.—The Council of the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland met on Saturday, Sir Frederick Moore, President, in the chair. The Gardens, as usual, will be open for the holidays to meet the needs of the returning school boys and girls from the 24th December till New Year's Day, at reduced rates. There are young lions and lion cubs at present in the collection, all at interesting stages of development, and "Mr. George" and "Charlie" are still to the fore. The dearth of the usual summer excursionists is a sore trial to our pets in the Monkey House; it is dull work they find to have no "on-lookers." Visitors to the Gardens for the week numbered 1,125.

PROVINCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Boy's Theft of Crackers.—A sixteen-year-old boy pleaded guilty at the Derry Petty Sessions yesterday to stealing three dozen Christmas crackers, and was allowed out under the Probation of Offenders Act.

Tyrone Larceny Charge.—At a special court held yesterday at Fintona, Maggie Donnelly, Liskey, and her daughter, Molly Donnelly, were returned for trial for the alleged larceny of £23, the property of James Devlin, Tattykeel, Clanabogan, Omagh.

Shooting Outrage in County Galway.—At half-past ten o'clock on Sunday night, near Oranmore, a young man, the son of a farmer, was fired at by an ambushed party and wounded, but fortunately not seriously. District Inspector Hildebrand, Galway, and a number of police have the matter in hand.

Large Sum for a Letting.—The large sum of £420 has been paid for the letting of 42 acres of land at Confey, near Leixlip, for the sowing of oats for 11 months. In the neighbourhood of Newbridge and Kildare the highest price paid for the letting of land for a similar purpose is £5 per acre, the average arrangement being £4 to £4 10s.

Theft of a Gun.—An audacious larceny of a single-barrelled farmer's gun is reported from Clonhee, near Galway. On Friday evening, while the farmer was absent, his house was entered by a young man, whose face was covered with rags. The man took the gun, which was over the fireplace, and made a hurried exit. The matter was reported to the police, and investigations are proceeding.

The Use of Petrol.—At the Derry Petty Sessions yesterday Edward McDermott, Westland avenue, Derry, and James Murrin, Clooney terrace, Derry, were fined £5 each under the Defence of the Realm Regulations for permitting petrol to be used for the purpose of driving a motor car. Sergeant Thomas Hall said the defendants were speakers at a *Sinn Fein* demonstratoin at Creedonagh on the 25th November. Neither of the defendants appeared.

Man Burned to Death.—The evidence at the inquest in Carrick-on-Suir on Saturday touching the death of Patrick Bourke, publican, Bridge street, was that he lived alone, and, as the house was closed all day on Friday, the police at night broke into the house, and found him dead in his bedroom. The body was badly burned, and the bed and bedclothing were also burned. A verdict of death from shock, following accidental burning, was returned.

CORPORATION ELECTRICITY STAFF.

THREAT TO STOP WORK.

At a special meeting of the Dublin Municipal Council yesterday, the Lord Mayor presiding, the Town Clerk read a letter from the staff of engineers employed by the Corporation at the Electricity Works, Pigeon House road, and Fleet street, in which they stated that in view of a decision of the Council at its meeting on the 10th inst., on their application for an increase of wages, they protested against Mr. P. T. Daly's amendment as being a coercive procedure, which they believed to be illegal. They regretted that under the unfavourable circumstances in which they were placed they had no alternative but to have the matter submitted to arbitration within fourteen days from that date, terminating on the 24th inst.

The Town Clerk said it meant that unless the Electricity Committee was able to come to some decision that would settle the matter there was a danger of the citizens being left without light during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. O'Neill moved that the Electricity Committee be authorised to adjust the question in dispute on a satisfactory basis.

Mr. Isaacs seconded.

This was agreed to, it being understood, on the suggestion of Mr. Daly, that the authorisation extend only till the meeting of the Council in March.

CHARGE OF FOOD HOARDING.

John Thomas, metal refiner, of Walsall, was sentenced yesterday to six months' imprisonment, and also fined £50, for food hoarding. Defendant's house was raided, and goods were found bricked up in a cellar and other places, which included 311lbs. of ham and bacon, 422lbs. of tea, 156 bottles of wine, 232 tins of meat and fish, 133lbs. of biscuits, 127 tins of fruit, and several dozen bottles

The defence was that Thomas was associated with St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, and intended the goods for benevolent gifts at Christmas. Notice of appeal was granted. The Bench ordered the forfeiture of the goods found.

ST. JOSEPH'S BOYS' BRIGADE.

The annual meeting of the St. Joseph's Catholic Boys' Brigade, Church street, Dublin, was held last night, the Lord Mayor presiding. The report was of a very encouraging nature, showing that the organisation was receiving increased support. Sir Joseph Glynn proposed the adoption of the report, and said the object of the Brigade was to make these boys good Catholics and good citizens, and prepare them for the work of building up Ireland. Mr. Brady, M.P., seconded the motion, and said they expected very shortly that Ireland would be provided with the glorious heritage of managing her own affairs, and the boys of to-day would play a great part in that work. In the Brigade they had an object in every way worthy of an Irish Catholic layman's enthusiastic support. Rev. J. Fottrell, S.J., supported the resolution, which was carried. A resolution was adopted declaring that the Brigade was worthy of popular support, and a subscription list was opened. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Edward Meehan, C.M., President, St. Vincent's College, Castleknock; Mr. William Field, M.P.; Mr. R. J. Kelly, K.C.; Mr. D. J. Cogan, Very Rev. Father Powell, O.P., etc.

DUBLIN SKIN AND CANCER HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the City of Dublin Skin and Cancer Hospital (Incorporated), Hume street, was held in the Boardroom on Thursday last. Present:—J. T. Wood Latimer, Esq., J.P., Chairman, presiding; W. B. Aikin, Esq.; George Birney, Esq.; W. T. Cosgrave, Esq., M.P., T.C. (Chairman, Estates and Finance Committee, Dublin Corporation); Captain J. D. Keatinge, R.N.R.; John Landy, Esq., D.C.; Edwin M Lloyd, Esq.; Alderman D. A. Quaid, E. N. Richardson, Esq., J.P.; Andrew Smith, Esq., J.P.; Andrew Charles, Esq., F.R.C.S.

The report of the medical staff showed 943 attendances at the Extern Department, 288 for Light treatment, and 55 intern patients during the month of November.

W. B. Aikin, Esq., and W. T. Cosgrave, Esq., M.P., T.C., having consented, were appointed Visiting Governors for the month.

Mrs. P. J. O'Connor, Stramorne, Sydney Parade, Co. Dublin, and Dr. Frank Charles, Sandymount, having each kindly contributed 10 guineas to the funds of the hospital, were unanimously elected Life Governors. The best thanks of the Committee were tendered to these donors for their generosity. The Committee beg to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the following subscriptions:—

	£	s.	d.
The Right Hon. the Attorney-General	£3	3	0
Captain Keatinge, R.N.R.	1	1	0
Mrs. B. Doyle	2	2	0
"A Friend," per Mrs. B. Doyle	1	0	0
A. Martin Keys, Esq.	2	2	0
Mrs. B. Torrens, per Miss Hall	0	10	0

A special appeal is made by the Committee of Management to the generous public for financial support to enable the good work for the relief of suffering in our city to be maintained.

Contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Hon Treasurer at the hospital.

RADIUM FUND.

The Committee acknowledge the following, with thanks, received per Dr. Andrew Charles, Hon. Secretary of the fund:—

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be Creditors, or otherwise to have any claims or demands against the Estate of the said Laurence Kickham, deceased, who died on the 4th day of April, 1917, are hereby required, on or before the 19th day of January, 1918, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executor named in the Will of the said Deceased, to whom Probate of the said Will was, on the 12th day of December, 1917, granted forth of the Principal Registry of the King's Bench Division (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Ireland.

And Notice is hereby also given, that after the said 19th day of January, 1918, the said Executor will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been given as above required.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1917.
JOHN O'DWYER, Solicitor for said Executor,
179 Great Brunswick street, Dublin, and Tipperary.

FINAL NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS AND INCUMBRANCERS.
COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.
LAND PURCHASE ACTS.
Record No. E.C. 4893.
Estate of
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County Mayo.

Take Notice that the Final Schedule of Incumbrances affecting the proceeds of the Sale of the Lands of Listrisnan, situate in the Barony of Gallen, and County of Mayo, and containing 199a. 3r. 6p. Statute measure, which have been sold under the above Acts, in fee-simple, has been lodged in the Registrar's Office of this Court, at 24 Upper Merrion street, Dublin; and any person having any claim not therein inserted, or objecting thereto, either on account of the amount or the priority of any charge therein reported as due to him or any other person, or for any other reason, is required to lodge an objection thereto, stating the particulars of his demand, and duly verified, with the Registrar of this Court on or before the 15th day of January, 1918, and to appear on the following Monday, the 21st day of January, 1918, at 11 o'clock, before the Judicial Commissioner, at his Court, at the Four Courts, Dublin, when he will adjudicate upon the several claims appearing on the Schedule, and upon any objections lodged thereto. And Take Notice that any demand reported by such Schedule is liable to be objected to within the time aforesaid. And further Take Notice that I have fixed Friday, the 18th day of January, 1918, at my Chamber, 26 Upper Merrion street, Dublin, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the vouching of the several claims appearing on the said Schedule, and all parties interested should attend before me on that day with the necessary proofs to vouch their respective claims with a view to the funds being distributed on the said 21st day of January, 1918.

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Dublin, December 16, 1917.

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Take Notice that I intend to apply to the Court of Petty Sessions, Bray, Co. Wicklow, for a Renewal of the Certificate of Registration for the BRAY GOLF CLUB under the above Act.
GEO. PRICE, Honorary Secretary.
Bray Golf Club, 17th December, 1917.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR TO-DAY.

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Gaiety Theatre—Closed.
Queen's—"Little Jack Horner," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Empire Theatre—Closed.
Tivoli Theatre—7 and 9 p.m.
Princess Cinema, Rathmines—3 to 11 p.m.
Carlton Cinema—Continuous.
Kingstown Pavilion—Pictures.
"Our Day" Fund Organisation—"Mrs. Gorringe's Necklace," Abbey Theatre, 8 p.m.
Red Cross Sale of Christmas Presents—14 Dawson Street, 10-1, 2-5.
Coal Fund Meeting—Rathmines Town Hall, 4.30.
Industry Development—Meeting, Mansion House, 5.0.
Russia: Its Czars and Entertainment—Gresham Hotel, 8 p.m.
Royal Hibernian Military School—Concert, 8 p.m.
Christ Church Cathedral—Elgar's Oratorio, 8 p.m.

The Irish Times.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1917.

Food Distribution.

A spectacle which is becoming increasingly familiar in Dublin and other large centres of population in Ireland, in common with those across the Channel, is the food queue. Every week women of the poorer classes line up outside shops in greater numbers and wait for longer periods to obtain supplies of food. Collectively the queues represent a vast loss of time and energy, and their existence engenders a deep-seated and widespread discontent. At a time when, according to the official *Labour Gazette*, retail prices are 105 *per cent.* above the pre-war level, the additional aggravation of a method of distribution which entails hours of weary waiting, with frequently nothing but disappointment at the end of them, is obviously undesirable. The working-class view of it is clearly expressed in resolutions which have just been adopted by the War Emergency Workers' National Committee. This is a very representative body which was established in Great Britain upon the outbreak of war to protect the social and industrial interests of the workers. It has now passed a resolution drawing the attention of the Government to "the very grave temper that is rising in many industrial districts at the failure of the Government to organise a proper distribution of foodstuffs, at the long waiting of the women before shops, and at the frequent failure to get tea, milk, sugar, bacon, butter, or margarine, at a time when those who are better off are able to get uninterrupted supplies." In another resolution the committee urges the establishment of a system which will secure to every person a proper share of the available supplies.

The queue, in the great majority of cases, is only indirectly a consequence of the general shortage of supplies. Directly it is the result of a haphazard method of distribution. Apart altogether from the question of compulsory rationing, which in itself has nothing to do with distribution, the incidence of the general burden of shortage would be greatly relieved if methods of distribution could be systematised. An interesting experiment in this direction, with the object of putting an end to food queues, is at present being made in Birmingham by the local food committee. It is understood that Lord Rhondda is watching the experiment with interest, in the hope that its success will be such that other large centres of population will adopt the system. The idea is that the local food committee shall be given control of all the supplies of tea, butter, and margarine allotted to its area, and that it shall regulate the distribution to every household through a card system by which every individual will get his fair share of these commodities. The householder must write on the card the name of the shopkeeper from whom he proposes to buy the supplies—preferably the place or places where he usually buys. Supplies will then be obtainable only from that retailer on production of the card. The essential basis of the scheme is, therefore, registered orders, filled by registered retailers, who will be supplied by the food committee through registered wholesalers under guarantee that the whole supply available shall be distributed every week in exact proportions to individual household needs. The scheme sounds complicated, but in operation it should be simple enough, and it will have justified itself abundantly if it secures the abolition of the queue.

The first step towards such a system has already been taken in Ireland in the sugar cards which are now being circulated to householders by the police. If the Birmingham experiment proves successful, we may expect that it will be followed by the introduction throughout the United Kingdom of systematised distribution of all essential commodities. As the pinch of actual shortage of supplies grows tighter, it will become more and more necessary to eliminate wasteful and vexatious methods of distribution—not only because they are wasteful and vexatious, but because defective distribution even more than actual shortage is the cause of high prices, and effectively organised distribution will give the community a large measure of control over production and the cost of production. The Dublin milk supply is a case in point. The Irish Food Control Committee has now authorised the dairymen to charge prices which are a penny a quart less than those which they attempted to exact, but a penny a quart more than those which the Committee first fixed as equitable. In other words, the people of Dublin have to pay excessive prices for milk because the only existing methods of production and distribution are uneconomic, and slovenly and dirty in addition. That is the implication of the new scale of prices fixed by the Committee. Milk, as has been proved at the Glasnevin farm, can be produced profitably at fourpence a quart. The Dublin dairymen, the Committee finds, cannot produce it at less than sixpence—because their methods are economically unsound. The official confirmation of that fact will, perhaps, induce the people of Dublin to adopt their own remedy. At the beginning of this month, in a letter in our columns, Mr. Lionel Smith-Gordon urged that they should form themselves into an association for the supply and distribution of milk on lines similar to those followed by the Plymouth Co-operative Society, which retails milk to most of the inhabitants at prices considerably below the official *maximum*. We should be glad to learn whether the various co-operative societies in Dublin have taken any steps to give effect to this admirable advice. Fifty *per cent.* of our food problems are capable of solution by the effective organisation of consumers.

Mischievous Questions.

Our London Correspondent has referred frequently to the plague of questions in the House of Commons. A large majority of them are quite unimportant, but every question imposes a certain amount of inquiry on some public department, with the result that, both inside and outside Parliament, valuable time is wasted. No doubt, the genesis of most of these questions is innocent enough. The querist desires to gain a small advertisement in the Press and to convince his constituents that he is a vigilant custodian of their interests. There are some Parliamentary questions, however, of which this easy view cannot be taken—the class of question to which Mr. Davison Dalziel called attention yesterday. They embarrass the Government either by giving definite information to the enemy or by misleading Allied and neutral countries as to the state of public opinion in these islands. Every reader of the Parliamentary proceedings will be able to recall recent questions of this kind. Some have dealt, for instance, with our military operations on the western front; others with the international problems of South-Eastern Europe; others with our own, or our Allies', attitude to the present complications in Russia. Naturally, the Government answers such mischievous questions with the utmost possible vagueness, but there is always the risk that even vague answers may give information to the enemy; and Mr. Bonar Law said yesterday that, in fact, the enemy had gained information in this way. If we assume—as, unfortunately, we must—that appeals to the patriotism and common-sense of the Parliamentary Rosa Dartles would be useless, the difficulty of dealing with these improper questions is considerable. In the first place, statements in Parliament enjoy "absolute privilege," and the House is rightly jealous of its freedom of speech. In the next place, the Parliamentary question is one of the private member's most time-honoured and most valued perquisites. In the third place, as Mr. Law pointed out to Mr. Mooney, the Government's refusal to answer an undesirable question does not always meet the difficulty. A question can be put—and sometimes is put—in such a way that it conveys to all and sundry the very information which it professes to seek. It was suggested that the Speaker might be an effective censor of improper questions, but, as Mr. Lowther explained, he has no power to stop the putting of any question, and, even if he were invested with such power, he shares no secrets with the naval and military authorities. In other words, he is not competent to judge whether the answer to a particular question would supply the enemy with information which ought not to be revealed. Mr. Dalziel's suggestion, which he sought to put as a motion to the House, is that, when a question invites an answer which, in the Speaker's opinion, is likely to embarrass the Government, the answer shall be made as a secret communication, and that any publication of it shall be an offence under the Defence of the Realm Act. Mr. Law's sympathies clearly were with the proposed motion or, at any rate, with its purpose. He said that time could not be found for it before the adjournment, but that the Government is considering the matter and hopes to reach a decision during the recess. The public will welcome any plan which, without impairing the rights of the House of Commons, will stop the mouths of the handful of members who, in their desire to damage the Government, do not hesitate to damage their country's cause. At present information is sometimes revealed at Westminster for the publication of which, except as an answer to a Parliamentary question, any British editor would be fined or imprisoned under the Defence of the Realm Act.

Australian Argot.

The letter of an "Anzac" defendant in a breach of promise case last week was a revelation in a new department of slang. Americanisms—thanks partly to ragtime and to the invasion of comedians from the United States—are now so general that already many of them seem to have originated in the United Kingdom. When the historian Froude visited Australia some thirty years ago he expressed his surprise at the absence of provincialisms. He found that a man born and bred in Northern Queensland used the same accent and phraseology as the man in Melbourne, fifteen hundred miles away. In America there are marked differences between Maine, California, and Louisiana—nearly as marked, indeed, as those between York and Kent, or Cork and Belfast. The Australian has his own broadening of vowels, whether created by associations with the aboriginal tongue or produced by the same conditions of climate and environment. The "burr" in Australian speech—sometimes reminiscent of Virginia, occasionally as rasping as the diction of a Cockney—is a curious and bewildering accent; and now the slang is added. One of the phrases which have been published lately is "fair dinkum," which signifies "honest sure," or "assurance of honesty." "Clinah" is the London "donah," or sweetheart. "Cobber" is a "pal." Another word which is claimed to be quite Colonial is "schicker" (drunk); but surely the word is Yiddish. "Skite," they say, is Australian for braggart, but "blatherskite" has been known for generations in Ireland. One cannot concede "sprat" (sixpence) to Australia, for it has been London slang since Mr. Weller's days, when the old fourpenny piece was a "joey." Apart from Australia's modern slang, there are many old English words in use, to which she clings with true conservatism. For instance, the term "lollies" (sweets) is general, and the original, the old-fashioned "lollipop," is easy to trace. It is to be feared that, after the war, the language of the "man-in-the-street," with its reinforcements from pigeon-French, Australian, and American, will sadden the literary purist's heart.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND ORGAN RECITAL.

In All Saints' Church, Blackrock, on Saturday next, at 8 p.m., Christmas carols will be sung, and there will be an organ recital. The organist will be Mr. Harry V. Love, Mus.B. A collection will be made in aid of the *Irish Times* Red Cross Fund.

FOR SOLDIER AND SAILOR.

WHAT DUBLIN IS DOING.

The network of organisations that have been set up in Dublin City and County to look after the welfare of the soldier and sailor is remarkable in its completeness. It is complete in that it covers most needs of the men, and complete, too, in the thoroughness with which the work is done in every case. This thoroughness is the outcome of kindly thought and intelligent direction. The various activities have, for the majority, been put into motion since the war began, and their initiators have in many cases borne a large share of the burden in the heat of the day.

The activities of the Disabled Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society have, of course, increased enormously during the war, and their workrooms exist to employ the time of some disabled men and bring them some material reward. When mobilisation took place one of the first necessities overlooked by the Government, and requiring to be met by private effort, was the feeding of troops on their long and tiresome journeys. Those were days when the sun blazed hot, but three winters and three summers have passed without the need for the work ceasing, while the bitterness of winter now makes the kindly provision at the port and railway stations all the more welcome. The credit for the initiation of that project goes to the Irish Automobile Club, another branch of whose activities is the provision of the "Garrison Buffet" in Dawson street. Good cheer is supplied at these buffets free. The warrior changing station or passing through Dublin on the way home for a glance of his loved ones appreciates, too, the existence of the Soldiers' Central Club in College street, with its extension in Exchange court, off Dame street. The club has sleeping accommodation as well as dining and writing rooms. When the men are away out of sight they are not out of mind, as testified by the existence of funds for supplying comforts, particularly necessary at this season, to the men of the R.D.F., the Leinster and the Munster Regiments, while the still more necessitous prisoners of war are not neglected. Neglect in their case means, unfortunately, death from starvation, so callous are our enemies and so lightly do they regard the chivalry which once made war a little less awful than now.

The greatest necessity of all is that of the wounded man, and the county has done well in providing means to alleviate his suffering and restore him, where it may be, to health. The moment he leaves the hospital ship he is the object of kindly private attentions organised by the Wounded Soldiers' Reception Committee. Government provision for the treatment of wounded soldiers has been widely supplemented by private effort, in some cases through the British Red Cross Society. An important place is held among these by the Dublin Castle Red Cross Hospital, while other tokens of solicitude for the wounded are the Irish Counties War Hospital at Glasnevin, the Hermitage Hospital, Lucan, and the County Kildare Auxiliary Military Hospital, Sallins. Most distinctly practical aid is given to ambulance and hospital work in the field and at home by the Irish War Hospital Supply Dépôt, 40 Merrion square, which carries on the manufacture of many and various hospital requisites in Dublin, and organises centres for their manufacture by voluntary help throughout the country. Another extremely useful adjunct is the hostel for wives of wounded soldiers and sailors, North Great George's street, Dublin, which accommodates strangers to the city who are visiting their husbands in hospital. Many of these women, of course, would be quite unable to see their husbands at such trying periods if they were obliged to make use of ordinary hotels. There is much to be done for the soldier when he leaves hospital, and convalescent men gladly avail themselves of the social club provided for them at Ballsbridge by the Irish Automobile Club. Those unfortunate men broken in the war turn with gratitude to the Disabled Soldiers' Workrooms and the Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Hostel. Splendid service is being done by the Vegetable Products Committee in supplying vegetables to the Navy, a service which is of considerable benefit in the maintenance of health. The terror of war's outbreak is recalled by the establishment and maintenance of Alexandra College's Home for Belgians who had to fly from their country. Even this record by no means exhausts the subject, but it will serve, perhaps, to strengthen the appeal of the Naval and Military Fair which is being held in the Mansion House this week.

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Bonar Law stated, in reply to Mr. MacMaster, that he had no expectation that the report of the Irish Convention would be ready before Christmas.

LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
MONDAY NIGHT.

A painful sensation was created in the House of Commons to-day when Sir Eric Geddes, rising at the end of questions, announced the latest convoy disaster. Earlier in the sitting Dr. Macnamara had given particulars of an attack made by a flotilla of German destroyers upon some British trawlers, but he gave no indication of the magnitude of the action, beyond saying that two neutral merchantmen were sunk about the same time.

It was left to the First Lord to tell the full story so far as it is known. Its seriousness consists not only of the losses—one destroyer, four armed trawlers, and six merchant vessels sunk, and the other destroyer badly damaged—but in the nature of the surrounding circumstances. When the last Scandinavian convoy was lost the Admiralty was blamed for not having provided a stronger escort. On this occasion such an escort was provided, but, for some as yet unexplained reason, it failed to appear on the scene in time. A Court of Inquiry was at once ordered, and this will be followed by a courtmartial, if necessary. Sir Eric Geddes undertook that, so far as the public interests would allow, the results of the inquiry, and also of the courtmartial held in connection with the previous loss of a convoy, would be published. This is a wise decision, for, although the nation rightly has the greatest confidence in the Navy, it has a right to be told what disciplinary action is taken against officers who have failed for any reason to do their duty.

Mr. Hugh Law was informed that a new system of sugar distribution in Ireland will be introduced in March. It will be carried out by means of household cards and with the aid of the Royal Irish Constabulary. Mr. Clynes said it was not proposed to prohibit the exportation of butter from Ireland. It was no scarcer there than in other parts of the United Kingdom. There were fewer embarrassing questions on the paper than usual. A suggestion that a member, instead of being allowed to put eight questions a day, should be permitted only five *per* week, was "turned down" by Mr. Bonar Law. He was more sympathetic with another proposal, that the Speaker should have power to order that any question which he considered of an embarrassing character should be asked and answered privately. Mr. Law said that the Cabinet was considering the matter, as the War Office had complained of questions giving information to the enemy. The Speaker evidently would not relish this extension of his responsibilities, as he is not in the secrets of the Government, and has no means, therefore, of knowing whether any particular question is contrary to the public interest or not.

Under the ten minutes rule the Secretary for Scotland rapidly sketched the outline of his new Education Bill for that country. It seems, on the face of it, a good measure, likely to maintain Scotland's proud position as the best educated of the Three Kingdoms; but it was evident from the cries that came from different parts of the House that it will not have an easy passage. The proposal to set up the County Council (as in England) as the local education authority, and to hand over to it the Roman Catholic schools (though with safeguards for definite religious instruction), seemed to be the provision most challenged.

Usually the closing week of the Parliamentary sitting is a very quiet one, many members taking advantage of the opportunity to get away from London. This is not the case this week, for most members are anxious to hear what the Prime Minister will have to say in his war-aims speech on Thursday. Probably he will have nothing that is new to reveal, but he will have the opportunity of making an inspiriting speech, and, perhaps, of cheering up the country for Christmas. It is to be hoped, however, that the Prime Minister will not allow his breezy optimism to carry him too far. Christmas has always been regarded as a time for feasting, and people will need but little encouragement to forget all about the Food Controller.

Some drastic orders may be expected after Christmas with regard to utilising the wheat supply to the fullest extent possible. Bread will have to be made with not less than 10 *per cent.* of potato meal included. Fancy cakes may disappear altogether, since fine flour will not be obtainable and sugar will be scarce. It is quite possible that the percentage of potato flour in bread will be increased as time goes on, since there is an abundant supply.

The butter shortage is causing very heavy demands to be made on margarine, with the result that margarine is becoming scarce. Some dissatisfaction has been expressed that raw materials for the manufacture of margarine are being sent regularly to Holland. This fact, however, results in an advantage to us, for every ton of raw material sent to Holland means that we get a ton of margarine in return. The Government is doing all in its power to increase the supply of this usual foodstuff, and the shortage will, in all probability, be overtaken early in the new year. It is unfortunate, perhaps, that steps were not taken in the early days of the war, but the fact remains that they were not.

Queues are often to be seen in London, but people who have returned from Germany tell us that far longer queues are to be seen there, and that they are composed of people waiting for every conceivable commodity. People, while standing in the queues, faint from exhaustion, and deaths are not uncommon. In fact, the shortage of food among the civilian population is terrible. It is related that this scarcity will soon be extended to the troops, and for that one reason Hindenburg is desperate and must break through the Western front if he can. He will make any sacrifice if he can do this, for Germany must be relieved by the new year. All this sounds hopeful for the Allies.

London, in common with other parts of the country, has come in for a spell of very hard weather. A heavy fall of snow last night first thawed and then froze, with the result that it was dangerous to walk about this morning. High and very cold winds added to the general discomfort of those who were obliged to be out and about, but it is noticeable that there is little grumbling about the conditions. Most people are wondering what the conditions are in Flanders.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. E. ROBINSON, BELFAST.

The death of Mr. W. E. Robinson, B.A., a well-known Belfast educationalist, took place yesterday at his residence, Clonlea, Taunton avenue, Lansdowne road, Belfast. Mr. Robinson, who was headmaster of Duncairn Gardens National Schools, took a prominent part in the recent formation of the Belfast and district branch of the Principal Teachers' Union, of which he was elected the first president. He was born in Belfast fifty years ago, and, after undergoing the usual training, he was appointed principal of Agnes street Methodist National School, and in 1903 was appointed principal of Duncairn Gardens School. He graduated B.A. in Queen's University in 1914. Recently Mr. Robinson organised a huge children's choir in connection with the Irish Temperance League Festival held in the Ulster Hall.

MILK PRICES IN DUBLIN.

The new prices for milk as fixed by the Irish Food Control Committee are now in operation in Dublin generally, but some complaints have been made of refusal to sell across the counter at 6d. per quart. Inquiries are being made into such cases, and in the event of vendors refusing to comply with the Order prosecutions will be instituted.

FOOD SHORTAGE.

For some days past the inhabitants of Roscommon town have been suffering through a great scarcity of flour, bread, and butter. There is scarcely any butter to be had in local business establishments, and the output of bread is not equal to the demand. On Saturday, were it not for the arrival of a consignment from the metropolis and the North of Ireland, many families would be obliged to go without bread. Very little flour is being received in the town.

Many bakeries in Elphin and Strokestown had to close down owing to the shortage of flour and fuel.

AWARDS FOR GALLANT

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The following awards have been made for try and distinguished service in the field:—

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D.S.O.—Capt. F. Anderson, R. Highrs.; Capt. S. B. Bosanquet, C. Gds.; T. 2nd Lt. (A./Cap P. L. Clark, R. Suss. R.; 2nd Lt. D. Craig, Gds.; T./Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) A. G. M. M. Cricht Cam'n. Highrs.; Maj. R. H. Elliott, R.F.A.; (A./Lt.-Col.) R. W. Hadow, R. of O., R. Highrs.; Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) B. Johnstone, R.W. Kent R.; 2nd Lt. A. Laithwaite, Lond. R.; T./Capt. W. H. Lister, R.A.M.C.; Maj. F. W. Loveday, R.G.A.; Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) M. C. Martyn, M.C., Notts. and Derby. R.; Lt. (A./Maj.) W. C. Maskell, R.F.A.; Lt. W. G. Oakman, C. Gds.; Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) K. A. Oswald, R.W. Surr. R.; Lt. G. H. Pemberton, Lan. Fus.; T./Capt. (A./Maj.) C. G. Morris Place, M.C., E. Surr. R.; T./Capt. B. A. Russell, Glouc. R.; 2nd Lt. R. C. Steele, R.F.C.; 2nd Lt. T. M. Taberer, Hamps. R.; Lt.-Col. C. H. Tetley, W. Yorks. R.; Lt. (A./Capt.) H. C. St. J. Thompson, C. Gds.; Capt. (T./Maj. and A./Lt.-Col.) W. A. Wistance, M.C., S. Staffs. R.

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OM "THE TIMES" OF TO-DAY.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE PROPRIETORS OF *THE TIMES*.)

E RAID OF THE GERMAN DESTROYERS.

The admitted facts, says *The Times*, of the raids by German destroyers in the North last Wednesday are undoubtedly disagree- and we are glad that Admiral Beatty has d an immediate Court of Inquiry. We pressed by the indications that the 's information was particularly good. If ssumption is correct, that the two raids closely connected, the inference is that ermans knew fairly well when and where ect their princip ' blow. We trust that, the results of the inquiry are announced, ic Geddes will endeavour to give some ation about the relation of the air ser- o attacks of this character. Is there any ility that aircraft can be more effectively in order to prevent a repetition of these ' No doubt, the imperative demands of Western front have limited the number of t available for sea scouting until Lord rmere is able to accelerate production, but hould be glad to know that sufficient use ng made of such protection as air observa- furnishes. Last Wednesday's principal at- requires a good deal more explanation the raid of October 16th, as to which the oints made by the First Lord were, that ireless was smashed, and that the enemy made the passage at night. Neither of pleas appears to be relevant to the y's latest exploit, and, while judgment st be suspended until after the inquiry, it is possible not to feel that the thing should never have happened.

A GENERALISSIMO.

The Military Correspondent of *The Times* writes:—There can be no doubt that the majority of our good French Allies across the water still hanker after a Generalissimo, and are disappointed with us for not concurring with them in their opinions. A Generalissimo to be of real utility must be omnipotent. He must control diplomacy, which is one of the instruments that he needs. He must have supervision over all the available forces of all States, and of the resources which support war. He must be able to direct fleets to support his strategy, and in every single one of his orders which concerns any State but his own he risks early collision with foreign Governments, Parliaments, and Departments. To deal with all these matters he will require a civil Cabinet of a monstrously distended type. Meanwhile, the fundamental danger—namely, that of discord—will remain, even with a Generalissimo of restricted powers, and will not be lessened, but rather increased, by the limitation of his sphere of influence, since he will have fewer means of accomplishing his ends. Is it not true in this matter that best is the enemy of good? Can any unification of the command make up for the loss of the cordial sympathies which unite us now? Is it not practically certain that we shall suffer this loss if we elect a Generalissimo, unless the campaign goes as happily as marriage bells? The days of Napoleon have gone by, and, instead of endeavouring to create a fictitious reproduction of them, it is surely better to accept the Allied world as we find it, and not, in these critical days, to risk upsetting everything and anybody by radical, untimely, and dangerous changes in our Higher Command.

MAN-POWER.

It is understood, says *The Times*, that the War Cabinet have reopened their examination of the man-power question. This new inquiry is concerned with important matters of detail, and has not yet been concluded.

GERMANY AND PEACE.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH.

A Reuter's Amsterdam telegram states that the *Vossische Zeitung*, commenting on Mr. Lloyd George's speech at Gray's Inn, says—All political and military failures notwithstanding, Mr. Lloyd George persists with a tenacious and sullen obstinacy in continuing the war to a violent end. The reply which, according to latest revelations, he gave to the German application in September, was false. Mr. Lloyd George does not think of negotiating.

Speaking before the First Baden Chamber, Prince Max, the initial President of the House, said that the speeches of enemy statesmen showed that the idea of destroying Germany still existed. "Even though the voice of peace is heard in the enemy camp," he continued, "we must be under no illusions. The friends of peace amongst our foes are still condemned to political silence; perhaps will long continue to be so. Therefore we must hasten to collect our whole forces for the battle still before us." The Prince concluded with a fervent appeal for unity at home, and said—Whilst rejecting every claim of the enemy to sit in judgment upon us, we will not be uncritical towards ourselves. We know well that there is also a German lack of freedom. It does not lie in the institutions of the German Empire, however, but rather in a certain mental attitude on the part of wide classes of the German people. Our enemies talk about authorities who force their will on a resisting people, and adopt the grotesque *rôle* of desiring to free the German people from these tyrants. We can only laugh at that mistake. It was due, perhaps, to the disposition of many Germans to take up an indolent attitude towards the authorities, and towards their share in personal responsibility for the cause of the Fatherland. But the war has come as a great awakener. The people in arms will one day return with toughened fibres and a consciousness of right. Power alone cannot assure us that position in the world that we think is our due. If the world is to be reconciled to the greatness of our power it must feel that there is a world of conscience behind our strength."

The *Dusseldorf General Anzeiger* speaks of the distortion of the conciliatory intentions of the Central Powers, and the revival of the old *Entente* lies in Mr. Lloyd George's speech at Gray's Inn, and continues:—"Even Mr. Lloyd George cannot deny the difficulties which have arisen among the Western Powers. He has to admit that our submarines greatly menace England, but nevertheless he continues the policy of a desperate gambler, relying on Mr. Wilson to come to the rescue, and perhaps hoping that a counter-revolution is still possible in Russia, and that, finally, England, even if persisting in the crime of protracting the war, will get from the good-natured Germans a peace in a year's time which she can already get to-day. Despite all, he professes to be in full agreement with Mr. Wilson who demands peace without victory. These democrats accomplish the greatest tricks with words, but, after all, they may have been sufficiently unmasked, even in the eyes of the most steadfast pacifists, by their cynical admission that disarmament and a League of Nations are empty words—nothing but words, so long as victory has not been gained; that means, so long as England cannot dictate to the world what she wants to be understood by these words."

IRISH QUESTIONS.

SUGAR DISTRIBUTION.

Replying to Mr. Hugh Law, in the House of Commons, Mr. Clynes said that the scheme of sugar distribution in Ireland, which was intended to come into operation early in March, was based on a system of household cards. The scheme would be administered by the Food Control Committee for Ireland, the cards being issued through the instrumentality of the Royal Irish Constabulary. Arrangements were being made to meet the persons coming temporarily to this country from Ireland and elsewhere after January 1st. He hoped that these arrangements will be announced very shortly.

IRISH BUTTER EXPORTS.

Mr. Clynes, replying to Mr. Byrne, who asked whether immediate steps would be taken to prohibit the export of butter from Ireland, said that the Food Controller was not at present prepared to apply compulsion to Irish butter producers, whose patriotism he was assured could be relied on not to export more butter than Ireland could reasonably spare. He had no evidence which suggested that butter was shorter in Ireland than in other portions of the United Kingdom, but he would be glad to be informed of any specific case in which over-payment for butter could be substantiated.

PEACE TERMS WITH TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

Major Chapple, in the House of Commons yesterday, asked the Foreign Secretary whether, in conjunction with our Allies and America, he would now issue a statement to the effect that, under no circumstances would peace terms be discussed or concluded with Germany on behalf of Turkey or Bulgaria, but that each of these two Powers must be dealt with separately.

Lord Robert Cecil—No, sir. I am not prepared to issue such a statement.

WESTERN FRONT.

ENEMY RAIDS IN YPRES REGION.

POST LOST AND RETAKEN.

There was some hostile raiding on the British front in the region of the Ypres-Comines Canal. In one instance the enemy entered one of our posts and took prisoners. By a counter-attack both the prisoners and the post were retaken.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE,
MONDAY, 10.15 A.M.

There is nothing of special interest to report.

9.30 P.M.

This morning hostile raiding parties attacked our posts in the neighbourhood of the Ypres-Comines Canal. In the one case the attacking party was repulsed, in the other the enemy succeeded in entering our post, and captured a few of our men. These men were recaptured by a counter-attack, in which our troops regained the post, and killed or took prisoner a number of the enemy.

On the remainder of the front there is nothing of special interest to report beyond the usual artillery activity on both sides.

Snow fell heavily last night, and has continued to-day.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Monday Afternoon.—We carried out a successful raid against the enemy lines south of St. Quentin. Our patrols operating on the right bank of the Meuse brought back some prisoners. In the Vosges there was great artillery activity in the region of Lathur.

Monday Night.—There was artillery activity on both sides in the region south of St. Quentin and on the right bank of the Meuse. In Upper Alsace an enemy *coup de main* in the Aspach le Bas sector had no result.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Monday Afternoon.—There has been lively artillery activity on the south bank of the Scarpe and on isolated sectors south-west of Cambrai. Heavy artillery and mine firing have been directed against the southern front of St. Quentin, north of St. Mihiel, and in the Sundgau. The artillery of the French was more active than during the previous days.

GERMAN ACTIVITY.

EVERY INDICATION OF MORE TROOPS EXPECTED.

A telegram from the Frontier Correspondent of an Amsterdam paper says that the extensive military movements now proceeding in Flanders recall those which took place in October, 1914. German troops, with all their material (adds the correspondent), are still being transferred to Flanders from the Eastern front. Many private houses and factories in Western Flanders have been vacated in order to provide quarters for troops, and new military hospitals are also being organised. In many villages in the same district the general impression prevails among the people of Flanders that important events are impending. The present activity of German troops, the numerous requisitions, the universal introduction of forced labour, and the hasty construction of light railways are all facts which seem to support this view of the situation.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS FOR THE WESTERN FRONT.

The Press Association Correspondent at Italian Headquarters telegraphs:—

The Emperor Karl, who is reported to have a weakness for General Krobatin, has chosen him to command some Austrian divisions which have been removed from the Italian front, and are destined to help the Germans against the Franco-British forces in France.

Accordingly General Krobatin has left the Trentino with the mission of returning to Germany the assistance which the German troops have given to Austria against Italy. The forces left against the Italians under Generals von Hoetzendorf and von Beulow are every day attacking with savage violence in the mountains between the Piave and the Brenta rivers, sending their troops to be butchered, and gaining only small and insignificant salients.

GENERAL PERSHING'S DENIAL.

STRONG WORDS IN ANSWER TO GERMAN STATEMENTS.

A telegram from Paris, dated yesterday, says:—

General Pershing, Commander-in-Chief of the American Forces in France, has given an interview to several war correspondents, in the course of which he confirmed the great cordiality which characterised the relations of the American Army with the Armies of Great Britain and France.

The Americans, General Pershing added, possess likewise all the necessary elements for making good officers and good soldiers, but such work demands time. General Pershing went on formally to deny the statement attributed to him by the *Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, to the effect that the American Army would not be ready for five years, and added:—This is the position. It is perfectly true that we never entertained an idea of improvising an army like that which the United States need here for lending efficient help to the Allied cause. We desire to show France and our Allies a strong, well-organised and carefully-instructed and trained army; in short, one worthy of entering into the struggle on the side of your glorious troops.

Gentlemen, continued the General, according to rumours, which only the enemies would be interested in circulating, and which were circulated even in the lobbies of the French Chamber of Deputies, I was credited with having passed unfavourable criticism on both the French and the British Armies. I was supposed to have said, for example, that the French Army was at its last gasp; that the British Army showed signs of exhaustion; and that, on the other hand, in spite of what was maintained to the contrary, Germany still possessed great reserves of men. I think exactly the contrary. Say this, gentlemen, and repeat it every time such rumours reach your ears—Far from making any such statements, I have in all the circumstances affirmed my invincible faith in the final victory of the Allies.

The rumour having reached Great Britain that I said Germany could not be beaten, I have sent through my friend, Bishop Wilson, a simple message—that Germany can, and must be, beaten—which summarises my whole thought in the matter.

When making his statement, General Pershing adopted such a firm and resolute tone that, if his enemies could have heard him, they would have understood that their trouble in circirculating rumours as useless as they were without foundation was entirely wasted.

IN THE FAR EAST.

CHINESE REGULATIONS TO DEAL WITH UNREST AT HARBIN.

Reuter's have received various telegrams relating to matters in Harbin and Vladivostock, which summarised are as follows:—

According to the latest news, Harbin, the population of which is largely Jewish, is entirely under Bolshevist control, and a state of great disorder prevails. Business premises of important Japanese and other firms have been attacked by brigands. Next to the Chinese, the Japanese colony is the largest, and Japan has about two-thirds of the trade of the district.

It is added that the movements of General Horvat, Chief of the Russian Railway Administration and Civil Governor of Harbia, are hampered, and that his authority has entirely gone. The Bolshevists at Harbin are said to be much more aggressive than those of Petrograd or Moscow.

A conference of the Allied Ministers at Peking has been held to consider the situation at Harbin, with a view to the preservation of order. It was decided at this juncture that the work should be entrusted to the Chinese authorities. Two battalions of Chinese Regular troops have been despatched there from Kirin.

An official telegram from Tokio was received yesterday stating that rumours of the landing of Japanese troops at Vladivostock is entirely without foundation. The Japanese Ambassador at Washington telegraphs that no responsible member of the Embassy has ever made a statement to that effect.

WOMEN'S ROYAL NAVAL SERVICE.

The following principal appointments have been made to the Headquarters Staff of the Women's Royal Naval Service:—Under Dame Katherine Furse, the Director; Miss Edith Cowdray, to be Deputy Director; Mrs. Dakyns and Mrs. Cane to be Assistant Directors.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

Amongst the Artillery officers mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig is Captain and Adjutant F. W. H. Magee, Ulster Division. Before receiving his commission in 1915 he was an official in the Northern Banking Company, Sackville street, Dublin. Captain Magee is a son of Mr. David Magee, ex-District Inspector Royal Irish Constabulary, Fairholme, Bangor, Co. Down.

The King entertained at luncheon yesterday two Indian princes, one of whom was the veteran, Sir Pertab Singh.

DESTRUCTION OF A CONVOY.

SIX VESSELS AND FOUR TRAWLERS SUNK.

BRITISH DESTROYER LOST.

SUDDEN ATTACK BY ENEMY DESTROYERS.

ABSENCE OF PROTECTING FORCE.

INQUIRY TO BE HELD.

STATEMENT BY SIR E. GEDDES.

Sir Eric Geddes, rising in the House of Commons yesterday, said:—I regret to have to inform the House that a convoy, bound from Scotland to Norway, was attacked by the enemy on the 12th December. The convoy consisted of one British and five neutral ships, and totalled about 8,000 tons of shipping. They were protected by an anti-submarine escort of two destroyers—the Partridge and the Pellew—and four armed trawlers.

For some reason as yet unexplained, the force which had been sent to sea by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet for the purpose of protecting the Scandinavian convoys against attack by surface vessels were not on the scene of action in time to prevent the destruction of the convoy. A second convoy, which was also being covered, was not attacked. The whole circumstances connected with the attack, the escape of the enemy's vessels, and the absence of the protecting vessels detailed by the Commander-in-Chief to protect it, are being inquired into by a Court of Inquiry, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, presided over by Admiral Sir Doveton Sturdee, with Vice-Admiral Sir John de Robeck and Rear Admiral W. E. Goodenough, and the Commander-in-Chief has been requested to expedite the proceedings of the Court, which he reports was to hold its first sittings yesterday.

The circumstances of the attack, according to available information, were:—H.M.S. Partridge sighted four enemy destroyers at about 11.45 a.m. on 12th December. Shortly afterwards an action resulted, Pellew and Partridge engaging the enemy, while the convoy scattered according to orders. Shortly after the engagement commenced the Pellew observed that the Partridge had been heavily hit, and a little later saw an explosion on board her, and she sank.

About this time the Pellew herself was holed on the water-line, and her engine room filled with steam, her engines being partially disabled. She eventually was brought safely to this country.

The enemy then apparently attacked the convoy. The six merchant vessels and four armed trawlers were sunk. Eighty-eight Scandinavians, two of them women, and 10 British survivors were rescued by four destroyers which had been detached at full speed from a cruiser squadron which was hastening to the scene. Other survivors reached Norway in boats. The entire crew (12) of the trawler Lord Alverstone were saved in their own boat.

The casualties in H.M.S. Pellew were one officer and three men killed, and two men seriously wounded. Information as to the survivors from H.M.S. Partridge is incomplete, but a telegram has been received from the British Naval *Attaché* in Holland that a report from Kiel states that three officers and 21 men belonging to the Partridge, 11 men of the trawler Livingstone, and one officer and 14 men of the trawler Tokio have been brought there. Ten of these are wounded. One of the three officers is stated to be Lieutenant Aubrey A. D. Grey, H.M.S. Partridge.

Sir Henry Dalziel asked whether the inquiry ordered recently into the loss of another convoy had yet been concluded, and whether its conclusions would be laid on the table.

Sir Eric Geddes—The court-martial has been completed, but it is not proposed to do so.

Sir Henry Dalziel—Is it proposed to give any information?

Sir Eric Geddes—I will consider that question when the matter has been inquired into. As soon as the Court of Inquiry in this case has finished its investigation I shall make a point of giving the House any information I possibly can, having regard to the necessity of not giving information to the enemy.

ATTACK ON TRAWLERS.

Mr. Houston, in the House of Commons yesterday, asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether he could make a statement regarding the attack by a flotilla of large German destroyers on British trawlers, a few miles off the North-East Coast.

Dr. Macnamara replied that two fishing steam trawlers, the Ranter and the J. J. Smart, were attacked by gun-fire from German destroyers at half-past four on the morning of December 12th. The former trawler was damaged, and the latter was sunk. Eight men were reported killed. In addition to the attack on the trawlers two neutral merchant ships were sunk at the same time.

Mr. Hogge asked why a fact like this required to be brought out by question and answer, instead of by an Admiralty *communiqué*.

Dr. Macnamara—I do not know about its being brought out. I imagine we had not got the whole of the information. The Admiralty had not got the information fully before them, otherwise they would have issued it.

Mr. George Faber—Were any British battleships engaged?

Dr. Macnamara—No.

Replying to Sir Ivor Philipps, Dr. Macnamara said that he could not say whether we had done any damage to the German destroyers. No British warships were engaged.

GERMAN ACCOUNTS.

According to an Amsterdam telegram, dated December 14th (delayed), an official telegram from Berlin says:—Simultaneously with the attack on commercial traffic on the English east coast, our light forces, on December 12, under command of Lieutenant-Captain Hans Kolbe, again attacked a convoy. The convoy, consisting of six steamers, with a total gross tonnage of 8,000, including an armed English steamer and the English destroyer Partridge and four armed vessels, were destroyed. In the battle the English destroyer Pellew escaped damage. Our forces returned without losses, and with a large number of prisoners, including four officers.

Another Berlin official message of the same date says:—Light forces, under command of Captain Heinicke, attacked enemy mercantile traffic off the mouth of the Tyne, close to the English coast, on the morning of December 12. In a successful fight with the British advanced posts two large steamers were sunk. Our forces returned without losses or damage.

OTHER ACCOUNTS.

A Copenhagen telegram, dated December 13th, says:—At Nangesund, Norway, yesterday, a violent cannonade was heard off the coast, west of the Itsire-Stavanger district. The cannonade was strongest between 1 and 3 p.m. Further details are lacking.

SOME OF THE PRISONERS.

A Kiel telegram says:—The following prisoners have been landed belonging to the vessels sunk in the attack on a convoy on December 12:

Three officers and 21 men of the destroyer Partridge

11 men of the patrol vessel Livingstone.

One officer and 14 men of the escort steamer Tokio.

Ten of the prisoners had been wounded.

VISCOUNT GREY'S NEPHEW WOUNDED.

The prisoners included Lieutenant Grey, nephew of Viscount Grey, late Minister for Foreign Affairs. Lieutenant Grey, who was wounded by a shell splinter, was on board the destroyer Partridge, where, during the fight, he took over the command from the Commander, who had fallen. Lieutenant Grey was picked up by a torpedo boat, on board of which he was given medical attention.

Other prisoners have expressed their gratitude for the treatment they have received.

The *National Tidende* has received a telegram from Christiania, stating that a convoy of six merchant ships, under the protection of two British destroyers and four trawlers, was attacked by four German destroyers, and it is rumoured here that all the merchant ships and all the trawlers were sunk. It is certain also that one British destroyer was sunk. The fight is said to have been very desperate.

A Bergen message says:—A convoy of six ships—two Norwegian, two Swedish, one Danish, and one British—accompanied by two British destroyers and four British trawlers, has been attacked by four German destroyers. It is reported that four British trawlers and one British destroyer were sunk. The crews of the ships are believed to have been saved.

The names of two Norwegian steamers sunk in the convoy disaster, says a Christiania message, were the Pollista, 1,700 tons, and the King Erik, 750 tons. The German destroyers first attacked the British ships, and sunk one destroyer and four steam trawlers. While the Germans were attacking the British ships the merchant ships went out of the fighting area, and the crew took to the boats. It is reported that all the crews are safe, and will reach the coast to-day (13th December).

Another message says:—The Swedish ships in the convoy were the steamers Torleif and Bothnia. The Norwegians were the Ballsira and Kons Magnus; the Danish was the motor ship Saracaibo.

THE FIGHTING IN ITALY.

STORY OF ITALIAN BRAVERY.

Italian Official.—Sunday.—Between the Brenta and the Piave the struggle, which had diminished in intensity on the evening of the 14th inst., did not increase yesterday. Only at about 3 p.m. in the Col Della Berretta region hostile infantry attempted to advance against our line, but was completely driven back by a prompt counter-attack. The artillery activity generally maintained the character of a harassing fire. Our batteries repeatedly, and fo a long time, put down an intense barrage on the positions of Col Caprile, which had been withdrawn from the day before. In the Guidicarse Valley on the night of the 14th and 15th inst. we repulsed enemy detachments, which, after a long artillery preparation, attempted to carry one of our observation posts on Mont Melino. At the Delta of the Piave a storming platoon, well supported by an armed motor boat, destroyed one of the enemy's small bridges, and patrols, consisting of sailors, attacked some houses occupied by the enemy, and captured a number of prisoners. Along the remainder of the front the fighting was normal.

On the night of the 14th and 15th inst. the movements of troops in the enemy's lines of communication were effectively bombarded by our airships. A hostile aeroplane was brought down by a British airman near Ormelle, and one of our own airmen accounted for another machine to the west of Seven Valley.

Italian Official.—Monday.—The artillery battle continued to be violent during the whole of the day yesterday. The infantry combat commenced at daybreak to the east of Brenta. During one of our counter-offensive advances in the direction of the Col Caprile the enemy opposed us with superior forces, compelling the attacking column to suspend the advance, and to support itself on a line of defence situated more to the rear. The struggle continued for several hours with great stubbornness. Towards mid-day other reinforcements with great *elan* reestablished the position to our advantage, and the enemy counter-attack had to withdraw to the positions of departure.

During the early hours of the afternoon the enemy launched an attack at the lower end of Brenta Valley after a violent bombardment. Important detachments, in dense formation, left San Marino, and were launched on the road against our barrage, but were stopped by the prompt and effective concentrated fire of our batteries, and forced to retire in disorder. On the whole of the front aerial activity was marked on both sides in the zone to the north of Mont Grippa.

One of our Caproni squadrons and reconnoitring machines bombed and attacked with machine guns on several occasions enemy infantry which had assembled at this point.

German Official.—Between the Brenta and the Piave violent artillery duels continued on isolated sectors. Austro-Hungarian troops brought in several hundred prisoners as a result of a successful enterprise south of Gol Caprile. An English attack against our lines south of Monte Fantana Secca broke down.

TROTSKY'S THREAT.

GUILLOTINE FOR HIS ENEMIES.

The Bolshevik Petrograd Telegraph Agency says:—The Central Executive Committee of the *Soviet* approved, by 150 votes to 104, the Decree declaring the Cadets the enemies of the people.

Addressing the opponents of the Maximalists, M. Trotsky is reported to have said:—"You are perturbed by the wild terror we are applying against our class enemies, but know that not later than a month hence this terror will take a more terrible form, on the model of the terror of the great revolutionaries of France. Not a fortress, but the guillotine, will befall our enemies."

By 360 votes to 321 the Peasants' Congress have passed a resolution denouncing the dispersal by armed force, and the arrest of members of the Constituent Assembly, as a criminal infringement of the rights of the Constituent Assembly, and calling on the country, the Army, and the Navy to defend the Assembly with all their forces.

FIGHTING AT ODESSA.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says:—A telegram from Nicolaeiff, received by the Railwaymen's Union, states that Maximalist troops at Odessa, armed with machine-guns, attacked the arsenal where the Ukrainian Rada (Diet) was assembled. The officials of the Rada telephoned a call to the Ukrainian troops quartered in Odessa, who started fighting with the Maximalists. The fighting ended in the defeat of the latter, who retreated to a neighbouring street. There were many casualties on both sides. Sailors from the Black Sea Fleet participated.

A split has occurred among the Black Sea sailors, the greater part of whom have gone over to the Ukrainians. The latter are preventing the Maximalists from sending troops from Odessa against Kaledin. Communication with Kherson and Kieff is interrupted.

THE LATE TSAR'S ESCAPE DENIED.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says:—The Railwaymen's Union has received a telegram from Tobolsk as follows:—"Reports as to the escape of Citizen Nicholas Romanoff are false."

GERMAN PRESS AND ARMISTICE.

According to a Berlin telegram, the *Berliner Tageblatt*, commenting on the conclusion of the armistice with Russia, says—It is a very joyful occurrence, but premature dreams should not be indulged in. In the peace negotiations which are now beginning we are confronted with difficulties which should not be underestimated. No entrance to a Fjord is more abundantly strewn with rocks.

The *Lokal-Anzeiger*, on the same topic, says—The comparatively easy agreement reached on the armistice proposal should be regarded as of good augury for the solution of incomparably more difficult problems.

The *Morgenpost* expresses the conviction that the present armistice will lead to a final peace with Russia. From the conclusion of the armistice, the paper remarks, one can deduce that not only is there goodwill on both sides, but that already an agreement is in sight as regards the main conditions of a treaty of peace.

The *Vorwaerts* says:—Strategy has done its work. Now it only remains for our far-seeing statesmanship to perform its task.

The *Post* observes that much still remains to be done. Nevertheless, the consciousness that we must conquer will steel us for the coming trials.

The *Deutsche Zeitung* remarks:—In the presence of an armistice on the Eastern front we must recognise what great military problems we still have to master.

FOOD PROBLEM.

STATEMENT BY MR. CLYNES.

In the House of Commons yesterday on the debate on the Appropriation Bill,

Mr. ANDERSON raised the question of food supply, and more especially the question of food distribution. He said that Lord Rhondda had a very difficult task to perform in the face of a great amount of official red tape, opposition, and sometimes conflict between the Government departments. The result was to delay the operation of schemes for a long time, until they lost their early value. He urged the Government to speed up the very best system of distribution, to relax the game laws for the purpose of supplying food for the people, and to sweep away special interests that stood in the way of the national welfare. The Government were playing too much the part of Micawber, waiting for something to turn up. Meantime problems very grave were being produced. He had hoped that long ago the Government would have produced a scheme of food distribution, but he was afraid that they would dally with the matter until a state of acute panic would force them to act. If that happened, there would come a day of grave reckoning, not only for themselves, but for the nation. Everybody knew that there was a great shortage of supplies, which would not be solved by the mission of Sir Arthur Yapp, which was losing its effect, for the people wanted something more than speeches. There was, no doubt, still going on a good deal of excessive feeding, as a perusal of the menu of a recent Masonic banquet showed, and it was comparisons of that kind with the scramble that was going on to secure bare supplies that were creating a very dangerous state of feeling everywhere. It was impossible that this question of food supply could be controlled from London, and greater powers should be given to local food committees. It was nothing short of a calamity that women and children should have to stand in queues for hours in the inclement weather in order to get bare necessaries, and then be turned away in thousands. These things were, in short, creating a condition of serious social unrest, and unless something was quickly done to alleviate it that unrest would soon be displayed in more active manifestations. The present lessons—the economic lessons—taught by the war had borne themselves very deeply into the public mind, especially into the working class mind. Many people who were taking advantage of the war for their own enrichment were penny wise and pound foolish, because they were creating a great opposition against themselves, and more and more in the future the great democracy of the country would take its life and destiny into its own hands, and look at the national life from the point of view of co-operation for all.

MR. CLYNES.

Mr. CLYNES, replying to the discussion, claimed that the suggestions which had been made by the mover had all been anticipated by the Ministry of Food. If they were to act through the existing machinery and channels, as represented by the shopkeepers, retailers, wholesalers, and food producers, there was no reform or method which could be followed other than the Ministry were seeking to apply. They were trying to deal with the shortage of food by the better organisation of supplies which they had at their disposal. There was a serious shortage of meats and fats, and there was a difficulty in obtaining butter and bacon from Holland, and Denmark. It was imperative, therefore, that the consumption of food of the country should be very appreciably diminished. There is, he said, in the Ministry a keen desire to utilise the services of experienced persons, representative of the co-operative movement, not merely in an advisory capacity, but in executive and administrative work of the Ministry itself. It was proposed to set up in the Ministry a Consumers' Council. He had been asked to become Chairman on this Council. There would be representatives of all the organised working classes, and women would be included. It was proposed that such representatives should not merely call in once a week for information, but that their work should be continuous. His view was that they could group under ten or twelve heads the various questions which the Ministry had to deal with, so that those who came in would become experts, by virtue of limiting their attention to a few articles each. No branch of the policy of organised labour in regard to the food problem had been neglected by the Ministry, and no measures which were effective for such purpose could be too extreme for the Food Controller.

THE QUEUES.

The food queues were due to inadequate supplies, and inequalities in distribution. The rearrangement of distribution was an immensely complicated job, and it took time to decide on the best plan. They were giving the local Food Committees even larger powers than they already possessed in this matter. In this period of trial the Food Controller would not shrink from subordinating the personal and private interests of traders to the interests of the public. (Hear, hear.) The redistribution of the butter supply had been taken in hand with a view to abolishing the queue, while there was a scheme in hand for the better distribution of margarine. The available supplies were being used to as full an extent as was compatible with safety. Lord Rhondda took the view that tea was a necessary food, and all the Indian and Ceylon tea required would be purchased and imported. Supplies would arrive early in 1918, and its distribution would commence early in February. Wholesale and retail profits would be strictly controlled, and the average price paid should be substantially reduced. Instructions were being issued to the local Food Committees either to carry out the plan of priority that had been set up in connection with the milk supply, or definitely to say they could not do so, and to give the reasons why. There could be no system of rationing without a simple method of identification, and the date of birth furnished the best identification. There would be no postponement of the sugar distribution scheme, which commenced on January 1st. The food question was a question for all. It might possibly be the deciding factor in the war, and the Food Controller was entitled to ask for the utmost co-operation, not only of traders, but of every section of the community. (Cheers.)

BRITISH TROOPS IN JERUSALEM.

ALLENBY'S ENTRY.

JOY OF THE POPULACE.

The following is a continuation of the despatch from the Press Association Correspondent with the Palestine Force, describing the surrender of Jerusalem and General Allenby's entry into the city. The earlier portion appeared in our late editions of yesterday:—

During the battle the population of Jerusalem have been living on the tiptoe of excitement. On November 1st they could hear the distant sound of the guns. The truth about our victories gradually leaked out. Deportations became more numerous, and when one day it transpired that the archives and treasures were being removed there was a great panic. It was reported that the British were near at hand. This must have been just after our capture of Ascalon (Medjedel), because several officers arrived at the American hospital barefoot, having run all the way from Wadi Surrar, abandoning everything, including hospitals, with 400 wounded, near Ramleh.

Severe measures were taken, however, and the fugitives were forced to return to the lines. Early in November Enver Pasha personally came to Jerusalem, examined the situation, visited Hebron, and then returned to Constantinople. It afterwards transpired that he recommended the evacuation of Jerusalem, and all the necessary steps were taken. Three days later, however, there was a change of dispositions.

Apparently reinforcements were hurried down, and a proclamation was issued stating that the Turks were going to hold on to the last, and inviting the population to assist with whatever means were in their power, especially with food and warm clothing for the troops.

Although these reinforcements were better equipped than the usual run of Turkish troops, having the latest Mauser rifles and steel helmets, they were hard up for blankets, and pillaged some of the foreign hospices, where they were billeted, of everything moveable. They manifested a very truculent spirit, and said they were going to defend the town to the last, holding the houses if necessary, and machine guns were posted in positions of vantage. It is even stated that many of the sacred places were mined. Later Field-Marshal Falkenhayn arrived to take control of the defence measures, and the day before our entry numerous workmen were still engaged in fitting his temporary headquarters with electric light.

SURPRISED BY BRITISH RUSH.

A Turkish officer said to a neutral:—"The English are so slow we will strip the town, if necessary, before they can get in." Our rush in the end took them completely aback, and left them no time to carry out their worst intentions. Even on the night of the 8th to the 9th the Mutessarif (Turkish Governor) endeavoured to prevail upon the retiring Turkish troops to defend the houses, but the latter had already suffered the bitter experience of Tommy at close quarters, and would not wait, and the Mutessarif himself finally also ran away.

The population of Jerusalem are heart and soul with us, and their relief is not merely due to the fact that our arrival marks the end of their miseries, but chiefly because a new future full of promise now dawns for them. Of the attitude of the Jews and Arabs there cannot be the slightest doubt.

A Turkish sentry present was too impressed to interfere. According to an estimate coming from a Turkish source, there are in Palestine nearly 25,000 Arab and Jewish deserters, or men evading military service, but the Turks have latterly avoided undue severity, as they are beginning to realise the mistakes of their policy.

GENERAL ALLENBY'S ENTRY.

General Allenby made his formal entry into Jerusalem this morning. It was a simple ceremony for such a historic occasion, but nothing could be more impressive. The British political officer and the Governor of the town arrived in Jerusalem yesterday, and had assumed full control. They had the walls placarded with a proclamation announcing a state of siege.

Punctually at noon General Allenby arrived on horseback outside the Jaffa gate, the main western entrance to the town. Everyone who could walk, even some who had to be carried, thronged the route of his progress, and as he passed clapped their hands enthusiastically.

General Allenby acknowledged the demonstration graciously, and some distance from the gate alighted and walked forward on foot towards the city, where the temporary Governor was waiting to receive him. A procession was then formed, General Allenby being escorted on either hand by the colonels commanding the French and Italian contingents, and followed by the Italian, French, and American military *attaches*. Then came several general officers and a guard composed of the various battalions which had participated in the glorious offensive. A guard of English, Scottish, Irish, and Welsh troops stood at attention on one side of the entrance to the Jaffa gate, with an equal number of Anzac troops on the opposite side, and French and Italian detachments inside the gate.

KAISER'S ENTRY RECALLED.

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I was obliged to terminate my Jerusalem message abruptly in order to permit of its despatch by aeroplane over the first part of its journey, consequently there were one or two omissions, which I hasten to repair. Thus, in connection with General Allenby's formal entry I should have stated that the road makes a bend by the Jaffa Gate, which is not over broad, and when the Kaiser visited Jerusalem the city wall was demolished to permit of direct access for the carriages of his procession. The Governor of Jerusalem, however, arranged for General Allenby to enter by the gate itself—a pleasing departure from the Imperial precedent. Throughout the operations leading up to the surrender of the city the Flying Corps rendered most valuable services. The rain must at times have prevented effective cooperation with the artillery, but by flying low our pilots and observers obtained valuable knowledge of the enemy's dispositions and movements, and also, by machine-gunning and bombing, greatly added to his casualties.

One airman's feat deserves special mention. He discovered a column retiring upon Binsh, and descended to an altitude of only 200 feet, whence he dropped six bombs in the midst of the troops, causing terrible slaughter. Returning afterwards, he used his machine-gun with great effect, the Turks scattering like a flock of sheep. The aviators counted many dead on the ground.

Turkish Official.—In Palestine enemy attacks against the front of our positions east of Jerusalem and on the left flank were easily repulsed.

PARLIAMENT.

UNDESIRABLE QUESTIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

THE ALIENS PROBLEM.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—Monday.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 2.45 p.m.

Mr. DAVISON DALZIEL asked the Leader of the House whether he would give an early opportunity for the discussion of the following resolution:—

"That this House is of opinion that any question which, in the opinion of the Speaker, is calculated to embarrass the Government in the conduct of the war shall be placed in a special list, and that such questions, and the answer thereto, shall be considered as a secret communication, and no publication of the same in any newspaper, pamphlet, public speech, or in any other form, shall be allowed; and any infringement under this order shall be considered an offence under the Defence of the Realm Act, and punishable accordingly."

Mr. BONAR LAW—It will be impossible to find time for the discussion of this question before the adjournment. I recognise the importance of the subject, which is now being considered by the Government, and I hope to be able to come to a decision in regard to it during the recess. The hon. member will understand that this difficulty is by no means confined to questions.

Mr. LEES SMITH—Is it not the fact that most of the questions which the Government refuse to answer, particularly those dealing with naval movements, have not been asked by members sitting on the bench below me?

Mr. BONAR LAW—It is not a question entirely of intentional embarrassment, but sometimes a great deal of information is given by questions which raise other questions that ought not to be put.

Mr. MOONEY—What does the right hon. gentleman mean by embarrassing the Government? Does he not think that every hon. member sitting on the Treasury Bench has a perfect right to refuse to answer a question on the ground of public policy, and is that not a sufficient guarantee that no information will be given?

Mr. BONAR LAW—The hon. member overlooks the fact that the question itself gives information. I can assure him that the Government quite realise the difficulty of dealing with the matter, and think that they should not interfere more than is absolutely necessary with the freedom of members.

Mr. MOONEY—Is it not a fact that, under the Standing Orders, the Speaker has the power to suggest to a member that a question should not be put because it is against public policy?

Mr. FABER—Has the Speaker mandatory power?

The SPEAKER—I have no power to stop questions. I have no power, in the proper sense of the word, under the rules, to ask a member not to put a question. Sometimes I have a desire to do so. Sometimes I exercise it. But I would point out that I am not the repository of the secrets of the Government or the War Office, or of the Admiralty; and, therefore, I am not a competent person to decide whether a question is likely, or not, to give information which it is not desirable the enemy should obtain.

Mr. MOONEY asked whether, since the war started, the number of questions of the character referred to was a very small percentage of the total number of questions asked, and whether, under these circumstances, it was necessary, in order to do away with a very small evil, to create a greater evil.

Mr. BONAR LAW—This question was put down without my knowledge, and my answer does not indicate any decision by the Government. Though the proportion of such questions is very small, I have had my attention called by the War Office to certain cases where information which ought not to have gone to the enemy has been thus conveyed. I have asked the War Office for complete information, as I do not wish to take action which is not necessitated by the situation.

Mr. LYNCH—Is it seriously proposed to muzzle members who are more anti-German than the Government themselves, and who believe that the best interests of the country will be served by substituting for the present Government one more earnest, efficient, and energetic?

Mr. BONAR LAW—I am quite sure that if any change is made it will not be of such a nature as to prevent the hon. member suggesting that he, instead of I, should lead the House. (Laughter.)

CONSOLIDATED FUND BILL.

On the motion for the second reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill,

Mr. JOYNSON-HICKS moved the following amendment:—

"That this House is of opinion—(1) That on the completion of the third year of the war, a more definite policy should be adopted by the Government for the internment of alien enemies, and, in particular, that no man should be allowed to remain uninterned, except for definitely national, as opposed to personal reasons. (2) That women and children of enemy origin should, where possible, be repatriated, unless there are exceptional reasons to the contrary. (3) That the Government should forthwith introduce the promised bill giving the Home Secretary power to deal with naturalisation certificates in the case of men who would otherwise be alien enemies. (4) That in any case where a naturalised alien enemy has been convicted of offences against the Realm power should be given to the Home Secretary in the said Act, that such naturalisation should be reviewed by the Home Secretary with a view to its withdrawal. (5) That under no circumstances should any further certificates of naturalisation be issued to alien enemies during the war."

He explained that these resolutions represented the views of two Committees of the Unionist Party. The statistics recently furnished to him proved that over 6,800 Germans, alone, were uninterned, and carrying on their occupations in this country. That fact alone was sufficient justification for the resolutions.

Mr. BUTCHER seconded.

Mr. FABER said that the permanent officials of the Home Office displayed a tenderness towards enemy aliens which he was unable to understand. There was some cog in the wheel which was not working as freely as it should.

General PAGE CROFT said he thought that the resolutions were not drastic enough.

Mr. NEILD complained of laxity in the Home Office administration.

THE HOME SECRETARY.

Sir GEORGE CAVE said that he entirely agreed with the last resolution, that under no circumstances should any further certificates of naturalisation be issued to alien enemies during the war. Neither he nor his predecessor had naturalised one German or Austrian during their term of office. He also entirely agreed that, in the new bill to be introduced, they should have power to review certificates of naturalisation. He would go further than the amendment went. He thought that power to review should be taken in every case where continuance of naturalisation was not conducive to the public good. Suppose that a man had, by some act or speech, shown himself to be disloyal. That was a case where the power to review ought to come in. Take another case, where a man had been naturalised, as to whom it could not be said that he obtained naturalisation by misrepresentation or fraud, but who yet turned out, when all the facts were known, to be not of such a character as to deserve naturalisation. In a case like that, there ought to be power to review. The third resolution asked the Government forthwith to produce their bill. But naturalisation was an Imperial matter, which could not be dealt with without consulting the Dominions. The bill was considered by the Imperial Conference, and the Dominions' representatives were quite prepared to fall in with the views of the home Government, but they desired that the details should be submitted to their Governments. There had been no undue delay, because documents had to be sent to all parts of the world. He hoped to get all the replies soon, and to be able to introduce the bill.

Sir HENRY DALZIEL—Before the war is over?

Sir GEORGE CAVE said that he hoped before the session was over. He did not think that they should legislate before receiving the replies. In the meantime he was not helpless, because there was still power to intern the people who would be affected by the proposals. In regard to repatriation, the Government were ready to deal with the matter as soon as the necessity arose, but it would be an error to state their policy before the proper time arrived. If they said what they were going to do at the end of the war, the question would be discussed while the war was going on, possibly as part of the negotiations for peace. They did not desire that to happen. They had their plans matured in this respect, and he did not propose to go further into that matter now.

IN CASE OF INVASION.

In regard to the first resolution, nothing, he would say, applied to a threat of invasion. In that event an entirely different state of things would arise. The point had been considered.

Mr. FABER—Can you put your hands on them?

Sir GEORGE CAVE—At once. Continuing, he said that he had remarked before that it was most unlikely that any of these uninterned aliens were spies. They were confined to certain districts, and all their movements and correspondence were watched. Since the early days of the war no full-blooded German or Austrian had been detected spying. Those who had been detected were neutrals. People might rest assured that they need not expect to find spies amongst these uninterned aliens. It was said that they took business from our own people. But the power of internment was not given to the Home Office because of that aspect of the matter. He certainly could not be accused of being friendly to German businesses. On the real point—the safety of the realm—there was really no difference between him and hon. members, and he could not be accused of undue leniency in any case. It seemed to him that they had Germans who had resided in this country for between thirty and forty years, who had married British wives, whose children were in the Army fighting for this country, and who produced vouchers of their perfect loyalty. Those were cases where there ought not to be internment. If he found that even in such cases a few of them had broken their word, he should not hesitate to reconsider the whole matter.

Mr. JOYNSON-HICKS—Can the right hon. gentleman give us any idea of the proportion of the 6,800 who have sons in the British Army?

Sir GEORGE CAVE—I should think more than half.

General PAGE CROFT—Because they were conscripted.

Sir GEORGE CAVE said that most of the exemptions were given early in 1915, before the Conscription Act. In most cases their sons volunteered, and were not conscripted. Early this year the whole of these cases were overhauled, and the number of adverse reports was remarkably few. When he was asked to revoke the exemptions *en bloc*, and intern everyone, he was not struck with the instances given as proof that the system had broken down. He believed that in every case there was an answer to be made. He could not accept any amendment which compelled him to shut up all these people. He believed that they had followed reasonable and safe lines, and he knew of no case where the safety of the country had been imperilled by the course that had been taken.

Mr. FABER—That is luck.

Sir GEORGE CAVE said that if the hon. member for Brentford accepted the principles he had laid down, there was nothing between them. He could not, of course, accept the resolutions as an amendment to the bill.

The amendment was withdrawn.

SPECIAL EXTRA.

A WORD TO IRELAND.

In a leading article on to-morrow's expected proposals of the Government with regard to raising additional men for the Army, the *Morning Post* says:—If the Prussian arrives in Ireland it will be the doing of *Sinn Fein*, and the leaders will promptly be rewarded for their pains with a Prussian bullet through the head. Not even Irish logic can argue that Germany is the friend of freedom. But if the German is eventually defeated, while Ireland looks on, takes all, and gives nothing, the Irish patriot has still to consider what he can hope for from England. We can tell Ireland now that she can hope for very little, indeed. Her name will be a byword and a scorn. Already Ireland is the deserter's refuge, and excepting the North and the fighting Irish regiments, she is never regarded without contempt in Great Britain. As for her talk of Home Rule, it will be a derision, and as for the rich subsidies on which Ireland has been battening for generations there will be no more money. The British Government are responsible for complicity in a shameful position. It could be ended at a stroke, and the Government are afraid. They are afraid, although their existence, not to mention the successful conduct of the war, depends upon their decision. It is a dark prospect.

IRISH REDISTRIBUTION.

It is expected, says the *Daily Telegraph*, that the Speaker's Conference on Irish Redistribution will be opened at the House of Commons on Thursday, January 10. No official summonses, however, have yet been sent to the delegates.

PORTUGAL AND THE ALLIES.

Reuter's Agency has received the following statement from the Portuguese Legation:—The Portuguese Government, under the Presidency of Senhor Sidonio Paes, to whom the Revolutionary Committee has transferred all power, solemnly declare that they will honour all engagements taken in the name of the Portuguese nation, and will maintain with full energy their attitude in the war on the side of the Allies. The Portuguese Government have transferred to a Council of Judges of the Supreme Court of Justice the powers of the Chief Magistracy of the Republic.

GERMANY AND RUSSIAN ARMISTICE.

The Press Association's Special Correspondent with the French Army telegraphed yesterday—According to the statements of numerous prisoners of war Germany, before the signature of the armistice with Russia, withdrew all soldiers between the ages of 20 and 35 from the divisions occupying the Russian front, replacing them by older men and newly-trained recruits. Thus the same formations as hitherto are nominally retained on the Russian frontier, but the step taken has enabled Germany to stiffen the divisions holding the Western front by incorporating in them all the best fighting material still at her disposal.

COMPULSION IN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Hughes, Sir William Irvine, and others who are urging the need for reinforcements, publicly declare, says the Sydney correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, that whichever way the compulsion referendum vote goes, conscription in some form is unavoidable.

COMING GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

Mr. G. H. Perris, the special correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* with the French Armies, says—An early and desperate enemy offensive on the Western front is an evident possibility, against which all defensive precautions are being taken. Our armies are perfectly ready, and perfectly confident of the result.

MACEDONIAN FRONT.

German Official.—Between the Vardar and Lake Doiran an English company, after violent artillery preparation, made an advance, which was repulsed, in an engagement with Bulgarian posts.

THE CHARGE AGAINST M. CAILLAUX.

A Paris telegram, dated Sunday, says:—During the discussion of the Committee for examining the grounds for the prosecution of MM. Caillaux and Lonstalot, M. Clemenceau, Premier, protested against any obligation being created by the alleged intervention of M. Barrere, French Ambassador in Rome. After quoting from diplomatic documents, M. Clemenceau declared that the presence of M. Caillaux in Rome caused uneasiness to the Italian Government. Baron Sonnino, Foreign Minister, M. Clemenceau stated, notified the Ambassadors of France, Great Britain, and Russia and the Minister of Rumania of the fact. He then added—If the presumptions raised against M. Caillaux were to be accumulated against an ordinary citizen, there would be no discussion about them. The Government has accepted its responsibilities; the Chamber will likewise accept responsibility. Should the Chamber refuse to sanction the prosecution, the Government will not remain in power.

The Committee then proceeded to take the statement of M. Caillaux, who submitted to it the letters of M. Mabillean, denying words attributed to him (M. Caillaux) on the subject of the projected agreement, which was eventually to be submitted to the Vatican.

The Committee subsequently voted the suspension of Parliamentary immunity in the case of MM. Caillaux and Lonstalot.

MESOPOTAMIA COMFORTS FUND FOR BRITISH TROOPS.

The committee of this fund for British troops serving in Mesopotamia have been able, through the generosity of their supporters, to spend on the provision of "comforts" more than £50,000. The committee have the testimony of the late Lieutenant-General Sir Stanley Maude and of officers commanding units in Mesopotamia that these gifts have done much to contribute to the health and well-being and to alleviate the hardships of our brave troops who are fighting in one of the worst climates in the world. The committee appeal for further subscriptions, and in doing so desire to intimate their intention that any moneys unexpended shall be devoted hereafter, in memory of Sir Stanley Maude and officers and men who shall have lost their lives in the Mesopotamia campaign, towards some useful object or objects conducive to the welfare of British troops who have served in that campaign.

Lord Lamington is Chairman of the Committee, Marquis of Sligo Vice-Chairman, and the Committee includes—The Countess of Donoughmore, the Viscountess Midleton, the Lady Evelyn Farquhar, the Hon. Lady Monro, the Hon. Mrs. Frederick Guest, Lady Maude, Mrs. Austen Chamberlain, Mrs. Holdsworth, Miss Stella Maude, the Earl of Desart, the Lord Mayor of London Sir Hugh Barnes, Sir Leslie Porter, Sir Charles C. McLeod, Mr. M. P. Grace, Mr. Percy C. Simmons, L.C.C.

TCHEKO-SLOVAKS AND AUSTRIA.

A Reuter's telegram, dated Corfu, Sunday, states that the official Serbian Press Bureau publishes the following:—The Minister for Serbia, at Washington, has received a telegram from the Tcheko-Slovaks of America, conveying the following declaration:—

"The Tcheko-Slovak Union of Chicago welcomes the declaration of war by the United States against Austria-Hungary, our common enemy, and begs you to transmit to your Government the expression of our devotion and friendly sentiments.

"(Signed), DR. FICHER."

The companies forming the Pool Board of Petroleum Supplies announce a further reduction in the wholesale prices of war motor spirit, which effects a reduction of 1d. in retail prices.

THE WORLD OVER.

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND EVENTS IN THE NEWS.

TURKEYS FINE, BUT SCARCE.

The rush for Christmas turkeys in London is producing curious results. Intending purchasers are being told that only orders which were put on hand weeks ago stand any chance of being executed. Nobody seems to be able to say with any certainty what the price will be. In some districts housewives are being informed that they will have to pay from 2s. 6d. a lb., and even 3s. towards the end of this week. The turkeys are described as being unusually plump.

A BOXING DAY DINNER.

Whatever price may be charged for turkeys in London—2s. 6d. and upwards—birds were on sale retail yesterday at 1s. 10d. to 2s., of course for delivery as offered. A bird will well keep a week if left with the poulterer, or, if a good outdoor larder be available in a private house. For those who want a relief dish, say for St. Stephen's Day, the hanging of a haunch of mutton to-day would make it perfect by the 26th. Plenty of real red currant jelly, mashed turnips, and the old-fashioned boiled batter pudding—what a relief from the carcase of that giant bird.

A QUESTION OF TERMINOLOGY.

Extract from the speech of a representative of the National Federation of Property Owners holding forth in the North the other night: "We are all out for the same thing. The workman calls it 'wages,' the clerk 'salary,' the lawyer 'fees,' the burglar 'swag.' It is only a case of terminology!"

CURTAILING "LUXURY" ARTICLES.

How many "luxury trades" will be affected by the new man-power regulations is difficult to gauge. It is anticipated that the manufacturing wholesale trades will be first tackled before the retail shops. Luxury articles in which the output is by women, of course, will be immune from interference comparatively. The general opinion, however, is that, apart from the consideration of obtaining man-power for the State, there is a move to curtail anything under the classification of luxuries.

MANY DOGS TURNED ADRIFT.

Many dogs are being turned adrift on the streets in England by owners who fear that the tax is to be increased in January next. No such increase has been decided upon, and the National Canine Defence League appeals that this cruel treatment of dogs should cease. Such people who leave dogs to their fate should have their Christmas dinner sent to the dogs' homes.

LORD MORLEY ON SIR HERBERT TREE.

Yesterday would have been Sir Herbert Tree's sixty-fourth birthday had he lived. There is an interesting reference to him in Lord Morley's "Recollections": "A very pleasant fellow. Said he learnt his part with immense labour, while his wife, on the contrary, had no trouble; if she put the book under her pillow she seemed to know her lines when she awoke." Sir Herbert found, as other actors have found, that a long run was a positive cause of forgetfulness of lines. Memory lapses often occur after one hundred performances of the same play.

LADY TRAM CONDUCTOR.

First urchin to his pal: "I saw I was on the wrong tram and I tried to jump off, but she catched me by the collar. 'One of these days you'll break your —— beak doing that,' she said, 'and then you'll blame the lady guard.'"

"GENTLEMANLY HUNS."

A story of an hour spent in a German submarine is told by Naval Cadet Charles Vincent, son of a Bath resident. Vincent was in a recently torpedoed cargo boat, which remained some time afloat. With five others he was aboard the submarine as hostages while the pirates placed a time-bomb on the doomed ship. They were subsequently allowed to return to their boat in bitter weather and cut adrift, being picked up. Vincent says that the Germans treated them considerately on the submarine. They acted like "gentlemen," expressed satisfaction that nobody had been killed by the torpedo explosion, and hoped that the war would soon be over.

HOLDING GIFTS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

A week to-day and that white-bearded imposter, Father Christmas, who neglected us when we got into our teens, will have levied his toll on our depleted war finances. Not half enough importance is attached to New Year's Day. Many people abroad keep nearly half the presents which are sent to their children for the first day of the New Year, which is quite sensible. It avoids that feeling of reaction which even a child can experience. Oh! that older people could look forward to a stocking on *le jour de l'an!*

ANTICIPATING 19—

Mr. Noel Buxton is to move a resolution in the House of Commons declaring that the time has arrived for the Government to declare their intention to support the Channel tunnel proposal, so that arrangements may be made for the commencement of the work as soon as possible after the end of the war.

UP-TO-DATE WORKING FASHIONS.

Fashions for women who nowadays wear the breeches are dealt with in an interesting pamphlet issued by the Home Office. Photographs are given of two main types, the overall suit and the trouser or knicker suit with tunic, but these again are varied to suit different trades and processes. Nine kinds of clothing are illustrated to meet the needs for protection in dusty or dirty work.

DUKE'S BAN ON SPECULATION.

The Duke of Westminster is to sell part of his Eaton Hall estate, near Chester, by auction next year. In a letter he says:—

"With the view of assisting my tenants to purchase their holdings, I hope to arrange with the estate trustees that two-thirds of the purchase money may remain on first mortgage of the property purchased by a tenant on payment of interest on the money at 5 per cent. per annum, if, on the report of the trustees' advisers, they may properly do so."

One condition to this offer is that the tenant purchases only for his own occupation. "Instructions have been given," he adds, "that the estate shall not be sold as a whole to any speculator."

FRANCE'S COLONIAL POSSESSIONS.

It was pointed out the other day by an eminent Frenchman at a meeting at which M. Cambon, the French Ambassador, was also a speaker, that France's Colonies are equal in area to those of British possessions in Asia and Africa, and are in square miles twenty times the size of France itself. That country owns over four million square miles, with a population of over fifty millions. Many have been apt to underestimate the Colonial importance of our neighbour.

PARIS INCONSISTENCIES.

Winter tight-lacing has been out of fashion in Paris for some time; aggressive high heels are maintained. Narrow skirts have come in—for economy—but the flimsiest silk stockings, and high boots with thin soles are still the vogue. One is pleased to see so many women here sensible enough to wear thick stockings. They are not unsightly either when the eye gets accustomed to them.

WOODEN-SOLED GERMANS.

Such a thing as getting a pair of boots half-soled and heeled in Germany is next to impossible, leather not being for civilians. The wooden sole is the only remedy for those who do not want to be "on their uppers." A pair of men's boots in Brussels costs £4 to-day.

Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson died yesterday morning. She was 81. Dr. Anderson was Mayor of Aldeburgh in 1908—the first woman elected Mayor in England. The Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians refused to admit her to their examinations, and she took the M.D. Degree at Paris University in 1870.

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE PROPRIETORS OF *THE TIMES*.)

E RAID OF THE GERMAN DESTROYERS.

The admitted facts, says *The Times*, of the raids by German destroyers in the North last Wednesday are undoubtedly disagree- and we are glad that Admiral Beatty has d an immediate Court of Inquiry. We mpressed by the indications that the 's information was particularly good. If ssumption is correct, that the two raids closely connected, the inference is that ermans knew fairly well when and where ect their princip blow. We trust that, the results of the inquiry are announced, ic Geddes will endeavour to give some ation about the relation of the air ser- o attacks of this character. Is there any ility that aircraft can be more effectively in order to prevent a repetition of these No doubt, the imperative demands of Western front have limited the number of t available for sea scouting until Lord mere is able to accelerate production, but ould be glad to know that sufficient use ng made of such protection as air observa- furnishes. Last Wednesday's principal at- requires a good deal more explanation the raid of October 16th, as to which the oints made by the First Lord were, that ireless was smashed, and that the enemy made the passage at night. Neither of pleas appears to be relevant to the y's latest exploit, and, while judgment st be suspended until after the inquiry, it is possible not to feel that the thing should never have happened.

A GENERALISSIMO.

The Military Correspondent of *The Times* writes:—There can be no doubt that the majority of our good French Allies across the water still hanker after a Generalissimo, and are disappointed with us for not concurring with them in their opinions. A Generalissimo to be of real utility must be omnipotent. He must control diplomacy, which is one of the instruments that he needs. He must have supervision over all the available forces of all States, and of the resources which support war. He must be able to direct fleets to support his strategy, and in every single one of his orders which concerns any State but his own he risks early collision with foreign Governments, Parliaments, and Departments. To deal with all these matters he will require a civil Cabinet of a monstrously distended type. Meanwhile, the fundamental danger—namely, that of discord—will remain, even with a Generalissimo of restricted powers, and will not be lessened, but rather increased, by the limitation of his sphere of influence, since he will have fewer means of accomplishing his ends. Is it not true in this matter that best is the enemy of good? Can any unification of the command make up for the loss of the cordial sympathies which unite us now? Is it not practically certain that we shall suffer this loss if we elect a Generalissimo, unless the campaign goes as happily as marriage bells? The days of Napoleon have gone by, and, instead of endeavouring to create a fictitious reproduction of them, it is surely better to accept the Allied world as we find it, and not, in these critical days, to risk upsetting everything and anybody by radical, untimely, and dangerous changes in our Higher Command.

MAN-POWER.

It is understood, says *The Times*, that the War Cabinet have reopened their examination of the man-power question. This new inquiry is concerned with important matters of detail, and has not yet been concluded.

GERMANY AND PEACE.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH.

A Reuter's Amsterdam telegram states that the *Vossische Zeitung*, commenting on Mr. Lloyd George's speech at Gray's Inn, says—All political and military failures notwithstanding, Mr. Lloyd George persists with a tenacious and sullen obstinacy in continuing the war to a violent end. The reply which, according to latest revelations, he gave to the German application in September, was false. Mr. Lloyd George does not think of negotiating.

Speaking before the First Baden Chamber, Prince Max, the initial President of the House, said that the speeches of enemy statesmen showed that the idea of destroying Germany still existed. "Even though the voice of peace is heard in the enemy camp," he continued, "we must be under no illusions. The friends of peace amongst our foes are still condemned to political silence; perhaps will long continue to be so. Therefore we must hasten to collect our whole forces for the battle still before us." The Prince concluded with a fervent appeal for unity at home, and said—Whilst rejecting every claim of the enemy to sit in judgment upon us, we will not be uncritical towards ourselves. We know well that there is also a German lack of freedom. It does not lie in the institutions of the German Empire, however, but rather in a certain mental attitude on the part of wide classes of the German people. Our enemies talk about authorities who force their will on a resisting people, and adopt the grotesque *rôle* of desiring to free the German people from these tyrants. We can only laugh at that mistake. It was due, perhaps, to the disposition of many Germans to take up an indolent attitude towards the authorities, and towards their share in personal responsibility for the cause of the Fatherland. But the war has come as a great awakener. The people in arms will one day return with toughened fibres and a consciousness of right. Power alone cannot assure us that position in the world that we think is our due. If the world is to be reconciled to the greatness of our power it must feel that there is a world of conscience behind our strength."

The *Dusseldorf General Anzeiger* speaks of the distortion of the conciliatory intentions of the Central Powers, and the revival of the old *Entente* lies in Mr. Lloyd George's speech at Gray's Inn, and continues:—"Even Mr. Lloyd George cannot deny the difficulties which have arisen among the Western Powers. He has to admit that our submarines greatly menace England, but nevertheless he continues the policy of a desperate gambler, relying on Mr. Wilson to come to the rescue, and perhaps hoping that a counter-revolution is still possible in Russia, and that, finally, England, even if persisting in the crime of protracting the war, will get from the good-natured Germans a peace in a year's time which she can already get to-day. Despite all, he professes to be in full agreement with Mr. Wilson who demands peace without victory. These democrats accomplish the greatest tricks with words, but, after all, they may have been sufficiently unmasked, even in the eyes of the most steadfast pacifists, by their cynical admission that disarmament and a League of Nations are empty words—nothing but words, so long as victory has not been gained; that means, so long as England cannot dictate to the world what she wants to be understood by these words."

IRISH QUESTIONS.

SUGAR DISTRIBUTION.

Replying to Mr. Hugh Law, in the House of Commons, Mr. Clynes said that the scheme of sugar distribution in Ireland, which was intended to come into operation early in March, was based on a system of household cards. The scheme would be administered by the Food Control Committee for Ireland, the cards being issued through the instrumentality of the Royal Irish Constabulary. Arrangements were being made to meet the persons coming temporarily to this country from Ireland and elsewhere after January 1st. He hoped that these arrangements will be announced very shortly.

IRISH BUTTER EXPORTS.

Mr. Clynes, replying to Mr. Byrne, who asked whether immediate steps would be taken to prohibit the export of butter from Ireland, said that the Food Controller was not at present prepared to apply compulsion to Irish butter producers, whose patriotism he was assured could be relied on not to export more butter than Ireland could reasonably spare. He had no evidence which suggested that butter was shorter in Ireland than in other portions of the United Kingdom, but he would be glad to be informed of any specific case in which over-payment for butter could be substantiated.

PEACE TERMS WITH TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

Major Chapple, in the House of Commons yesterday, asked the Foreign Secretary whether, in conjunction with our Allies and America, he would now issue a statement to the effect that, under no circumstances would peace terms be discussed or concluded with Germany on behalf of Turkey or Bulgaria, but that each of these two Powers must be dealt with separately.

Lord Robert Cecil—No, sir, I am not prepared to issue such a statement.

WESTERN FRONT.

ENEMY RAIDS IN YPRES REGION.

POST LOST AND RETAKEN.

There was some hostile raiding on the British front in the region of the Ypres-Comines Canal. In one instance the enemy entered one of our posts and took prisoners. By a counter-attack both the prisoners and the post were retaken.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE,
MONDAY, 10.15 A.M.

There is nothing of special interest to report.

9.30 P.M.

This morning hostile raiding parties attacked our posts in the neighbourhood of the Ypres-Comines Canal. In the one case the attacking party was repulsed, in the other the enemy succeeded in entering our post, and captured a few of our men. These men were recaptured by a counter-attack, in which our troops regained the post, and killed or took prisoner a number of the enemy.

On the remainder of the front there is nothing of special interest to report beyond the usual artillery activity on both sides.

Snow fell heavily last night, and has continued to-day.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Monday Afternoon.—We carried out a successful raid against the enemy lines south of St. Quentin. Our patrols operating on the right bank of the Meuse brought back some prisoners. In the Vosges there was great artillery activity in the region of Lathur.

Monday Night.—There was artillery activity on both sides in the region south of St. Quentin and on the right bank of the Meuse. In Upper Alsace an enemy *coup de main* in the Aspach le Bas sector had no result.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Monday Afternoon.—There has been lively artillery activity on the south bank of the Scarpe and on isolated sectors south-west of Cambrai. Heavy artillery and mine firing have been directed against the southern front of St. Quentin, north of St. Mihiel, and in the Sundgau. The artillery of the French was more active than during the previous days.

GERMAN ACTIVITY.

EVERY INDICATION OF MORE TROOPS EXPECTED.

A telegram from the Frontier Correspondent of an Amsterdam paper says that the extensive military movements now proceeding in Flanders recall those which took place in October, 1914. German troops, with all their material (adds the correspondent), are still being transferred to Flanders from the Eastern front. Many private houses and factories in Western Flanders have been vacated in order to provide quarters for troops, and new military hospitals are also being organised. In many villages in the same district the general impression prevails among the people of Flanders that important events are impending. The present activity of German troops, the numerous requisitions, the universal introduction of forced labour, and the hasty construction of light railways are all facts which seem to support this view of the situation.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS FOR THE WESTERN FRONT.

The Press Association Correspondent at Italian Headquarters telegraphs:—

The Emperor Karl, who is reported to have a weakness for General Krobatin, has chosen him to command some Austrian divisions which have been removed from the Italian front, and are destined to help the Germans against the Franco-British forces in France.

Accordingly General Krobatin has left the Trentino with the mission of returning to Germany the assistance which the German troops have given to Austria against Italy. The forces left against the Italians under Generals von Hoetzendorf and von Beulow are every day attacking with savage violence in the mountains between the Piave and the Brenta rivers, sending their troops to be butchered, and gaining only small and insignificant salients.

GENERAL PERSHING'S DENIAL.

STRONG WORDS IN ANSWER TO GERMAN STATEMENTS.

A telegram from Paris, dated yesterday, says:—

General Pershing, Commander-in-Chief of the American Forces in France, has given an interview to several war correspondents, in the course of which he confirmed the great cordiality which characterised the relations of the American Army with the Armies of Great Britain and France.

The Americans, General Pershing added, possess likewise all the necessary elements for making good officers and good soldiers, but such work demands time. General Pershing went on formally to deny the statement attributed to him by the *Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, to the effect that the American Army would not be ready for five years, and added:—This is the position. It is perfectly true that we never entertained an idea of improvising an army like that which the United States need here for lending efficient help to the Allied cause. We desire to show France and our Allies a strong, well-organised and carefully-instructed and trained army; in short, one worthy of entering into the struggle on the side of your glorious troops.

Gentlemen, continued the General, according to rumours, which only the enemies would be interested in circulating, and which were circulated even in the lobbies of the French Chamber of Deputies, I was credited with having passed unfavourable criticism on both the French and the British Armies. I was supposed to have said, for example, that the French Army was at its last gasp; that the British Army showed signs of exhaustion; and that, on the other hand, in spite of what was maintained to the contrary, Germany still possessed great reserves of men. I think exactly the contrary. Say this, gentlemen, and repeat it every time such rumours reach your ears—Far from making any such statements, I have in all the circumstances affirmed my invincible faith in the final victory of the Allies.

The rumour having reached Great Britain that I said Germany could not be beaten, I have sent through my friend, Bishop Wilson, a simple message—that Germany can, and must be, beaten—which summarises my whole thought in the matter.

When making his statement, General Pershing adopted such a firm and resolute tone that, if his enemies could have heard him, they would have understood that their trouble in circulating rumours as useless as they were without foundation was entirely wasted.

IN THE FAR EAST.

CHINESE REGULATIONS TO DEAL WITH UNREST AT HARBIN.

Reuter's have received various telegrams relating to matters in Harbin and Vladivostock, which summarised are as follows:—

According to the latest news, Harbin, the population of which is largely Jewish, is entirely under Bolshevist control, and a state of great disorder prevails. Business premises of important Japanese and other firms have been attacked by brigands. Next to the Chinese, the Japanese colony is the largest, and Japan has about two-thirds of the trade of the district.

It is added that the movements of General Horvat, Chief of the Russian Railway Administration and Civil Governor of Harbin, are hampered, and that his authority has entirely gone. The Bolshevists at Harbin are said to be much more aggressive than those of Petrograd or Moscow.

A conference of the Allied Ministers at Peking has been held to consider the situation at Harbin, with a view to the preservation of order. It was decided at this juncture that the work should be entrusted to the Chinese authorities. Two battalions of Chinese Regular troops have been despatched there from Kirin.

An official telegram from Tokio was received yesterday stating that rumours of the landing of Japanese troops at Vladivostock is entirely without foundation. The Japanese Ambassador at Washington telegraphs that no responsible member of the Embassy has ever made a statement to that effect.

WOMEN'S ROYAL NAVAL SERVICE.

The following principal appointments have been made to the Headquarters Staff of the Women's Royal Naval Service:—

Under Dame Katherine Furse, the Director; Miss Edith Cowdray, to be Deputy Director; Mrs. Dakyns and Mrs. Cane to be Assistant Directors.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

Amongst the Artillery officers mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig is Captain and Adjutant F. W. H. Magee, Ulster Division. Before receiving his commission in 1915 he was an official in the Northern Banking Company, Sackville street, Dublin. Captain Magee is a son of Mr. David Magee, ex-District Inspector Royal Irish Constabulary, Fairholme, Bangor, Co. Down.

The King entertained at luncheon yesterday two Indian princes, one of whom was the veteran, Sir Pertab Singh.

DESTRUCTION OF A CONVOY.

SIX VESSELS AND FOUR TRAWLERS SUNK.

BRITISH DESTROYER LOST.

SUDDEN ATTACK BY ENEMY DESTROYERS.

ABSENCE OF PROTECTING FORCE.

INQUIRY TO BE HELD.

STATEMENT BY SIR E. GEDDES.

Sir Eric Geddes, rising in the House of Commons yesterday, said:—I regret to have to inform the House that a convoy, bound from Scotland to Norway, was attacked by the enemy on the 12th December. The convoy consisted of one British and five neutral ships, and totalled about 8,000 tons of shipping. They were protected by an anti-submarine escort of two destroyers—the Partridge and the Pellew—and four armed trawlers.

For some reason as yet unexplained, the force which had been sent to sea by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet for the purpose of protecting the Scandinavian convoys against attack by surface vessels were not on the scene of action in time to prevent the destruction of the convoy. A second convoy, which was also being covered, was not attacked. The whole circumstances connected with the attack, the escape of the enemy's vessels, and the absence of the protecting vessels detailed by the Commander-in-Chief to protect it, are being inquired into by a Court of Inquiry, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, presided over by Admiral Sir Doveton Sturdee, with Vice-Admiral Sir John de Robeck and Rear Admiral W. E. Goodenough, and the Commander-in-Chief has been requested to expedite the proceedings of the Court, which he reports was to hold its first sittings yesterday.

The circumstances of the attack, according to available information, were:—H.M.S. Partridge sighted four enemy destroyers at about 11.45 a.m. on 12th December. Shortly afterwards an action resulted, Pellew and Partridge engaging the enemy, while the convoy scattered according to orders. Shortly after the engagement commenced the Pellew observed that the Partridge had been heavily hit, and a little later saw an explosion on board her, and she sank.

About this time the Pellew, herself was holed on the water-line, and her engine room filled with steam, her engines being partially disabled. She eventually was brought safely to this country.

The enemy then apparently attacked the convoy. The six merchant vessels and four armed trawlers were sunk. Eighty-eight Scandinavians, two of them women, and 10 British survivors were rescued by four destroyers which had been detached at full speed from a cruiser squadron which was hastening to the scene. Other survivors reached Norway in boats. The entire crew (12) of the trawler Lord Alverstone were saved in their own boat.

The casualties in H.M.S. Pellew were one officer and three men killed, and two men seriously wounded. Information as to the survivors from H.M.S. Partridge is incomplete, but a telegram has been received from the British Naval *Attaché* in Holland that a report from Kiel states that three officers and 21 men belonging to the Partridge, 11 men of the trawler Livingstone, and one officer and 14 men of the trawler Tokio have been brought there. Ten of these are wounded. One of the three officers is stated to be Lieutenant Aubrey A. D. Grey, H.M.S. Partridge.

Sir Henry Dalziel asked whether the inquiry ordered recently into the loss of another convoy had yet been concluded, and whether its conclusions would be laid on the table.

Sir Eric Geddes—The court-martial has been completed, but it is not proposed to do so.

Sir Henry Dalziel—Is it proposed to give any information?

Sir Eric Geddes—I will consider that question when the matter has been inquired into. As soon as the Court of Inquiry in this case has finished its investigation I shall make a point of giving the House any information I possibly can, having regard to the necessity of not giving information to the enemy.

ATTACK ON TRAWLERS.

Mr. Houston, in the House of Commons yesterday, asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether he could make a statement regarding the attack by a flotilla of large German destroyers on British trawlers, a few miles off the North-East Coast.

Dr. Macnamara replied that two fishing steam trawlers, the Ranter and the J. J. Smart, were attacked by gun-fire from German destroyers at half-past four on the morning of December 12th. The former trawler was damaged, and the latter was sunk. Eight men were reported killed. In addition to the attack on the trawlers two neutral merchant ships were sunk at the same time.

Mr. Hogge asked why a fact like this required to be brought out by question and answer, instead of by an Admiralty *communiqué*.

Dr. Macnamara—I do not know about its being brought out. I imagine we had not got the whole of the information. The Admiralty had not got the information fully before them, otherwise they would have issued it.

Mr. George Faber—Were any British battleships engaged?

Dr. Macnamara—No.

Replying to Sir Ivor Philipps, Dr. Macnamara said that he could not say whether we had done any damage to the German destroyers. No British warships were engaged.

GERMAN ACCOUNTS.

According to an Amsterdam telegram, dated December 14th (delayed), an official telegram from Berlin says:—Simultaneously with the attack on commercial traffic on the English east coast, our light forces, on December 12, under command of Lieutenant-Captain Hans Kolbe, again attacked a convoy. The convoy, consisting of six steamers, with a total gross tonnage of 8,000, including an armed English steamer and the English destroyer Partridge and four armed vessels, were destroyed. In the battle the English destroyer Pellew escaped damage. Our forces returned without losses, and with a large number of prisoners, including four officers.

Another Berlin official message of the same date says:—Light forces, under command of Captain Heinicke, attacked enemy mercantile traffic off the mouth of the Tyne, close to the English coast, on the morning of December 12. In a successful fight with the British advanced posts two large steamers were sunk. Our forces returned without losses or damage.

OTHER ACCOUNTS.

A Copenhagen telegram, dated December 13th, says:—At Nangesund, Norway, yesterday, a violent cannonade was heard off the coast, west of the Itsire-Stavanger district. The cannonade was strongest between 1 and 3 p.m. Further details are lacking.

SOME OF THE PRISONERS.

A Kiel telegram says:—The following prisoners have been landed belonging to the vessels sunk in the attack on a convoy on December 12:

Three officers and 21 men of the destroyer Partridge.

11 men of the patrol vessel Livingstone.

One officer and 14 men of the escort steamer Tokio.

Ten of the prisoners had been wounded.

VISCOUNT GREY'S NEPHEW WOUNDED.

The prisoners included Lieutenant Grey, nephew of Viscount Grey, late Minister for Foreign Affairs. Lieutenant Grey, who was wounded by a shell splinter, was on board the destroyer Partridge, where, during the fight, he took over the command from the Commander, who had fallen. Lieutenant Grey was picked up by a torpedo boat, on board of which he was given medical attention.

Other prisoners have expressed their gratitude for the treatment they have received.

The *National Tidende* has received a telegram from Christiania, stating that a convoy of six merchant ships, under the protection of two British destroyers and four trawlers, was attacked by four German destroyers, and it is rumoured here that all the merchant ships and all the trawlers were sunk. It is certain also that one British destroyer was sunk. The fight is said to have been very desperate.

A Bergen message says:—A convoy of six ships—two Norwegian, two Swedish, one Danish, and one British—accompanied by two British destroyers and four British trawlers, has been attacked by four German destroyers. It is reported that four British trawlers and one British destroyer were sunk. The crews of the ships are believed to have been saved.

The names of two Norwegian steamers sunk in the convoy disaster, says a Christiania message, were the Pollsta, 1,700 tons, and the King Erik, 750 tons. The German destroyers first attacked the British ships, and sunk one destroyer and four steam trawlers. While the Germans were attacking the British ships the merchant ships went out of the fighting area, and the crew took to the boats. It is reported that all the crews are safe, and will reach the coast to-day (13th December).

Another message says:—The Swedish ships in the convoy were the steamers Torleif and Bothnia. The Norwegians were the Ballsira and Kons Magnus; the Danish was the motor ship Saracaibo.

THE FIGHTING IN ITALY.

STORY OF ITALIAN BRAVERY.

Italian Official.—Sunday.—Between the Brenta and the Piave the struggle, which had diminished in intensity on the evening of the 14th inst., did not increase yesterday. Only at about 3 p.m. in the Col Della Berretta region hostile infantry attempted to advance against our line, but was completely driven back by a prompt counter-attack. The artillery activity generally maintained the character of a harassing fire. Our batteries repeatedly, and for a long time, put down an intense barrage on the positions of Col Caprile, which had been withdrawn from the day before. In the Guidicarse Valley on the night of the 14th and 15th inst. we repulsed enemy detachments, which, after a long artillery preparation, attempted to carry one of our observation posts on Mont Melino. At the Delta of the Piave a storming platoon, well supported by an armed motor boat, destroyed one of the enemy's small bridges, and patrols, consisting of sailors, attacked some houses occupied by the enemy, and captured a number of prisoners. Along the remainder of the front the fighting was normal.

On the night of the 14th and 15th inst. the movements of troops in the enemy's lines of communication were effectively bombarded by our airships. A hostile aeroplane was brought down by a British airman near Ormelle, and one of our own airmen accounted for another machine to the west of Seven Valley.

Italian Official.—Monday.—The artillery battle continued to be violent during the whole of the day yesterday. The infantry combat commenced at daybreak to the east of Brenta. During one of our counter-offensive advances in the direction of the Col Caprile the enemy opposed us with superior forces, compelling the attacking column to suspend the advance, and to support itself on a line of defence situated more to the rear. The struggle continued for several hours with great stubbornness. Towards mid-day other reinforcements with great *elan* reestablished the position to our advantage, and the enemy counter-attack had to withdraw to the positions of departure.

During the early hours of the afternoon the enemy launched an attack at the lower end of Brenta Valley after a violent bombardment. Important detachments, in dense formation, left San Marino, and were launched on the road against our barrage, but were stopped by the prompt and effective concentrated fire of our batteries, and forced to retire in disorder. On the whole of the front aerial activity was marked on both sides in the zone to the north of Mont Grippa.

One of our Caproni squadrons and reconnoitring machines bombed and attacked with machine guns on several occasions enemy infantry which had assembled at this point.

German Official.—Between the Brenta and the Piave violent artillery duels continued on isolated sectors. Austro-Hungarian troops brought in several hundred prisoners as a result of a successful enterprise south of Col Caprile. An English attack against our lines south of Monte Fantana Secca broke down.

TROTSKY'S THREAT.

GUILLOTINE FOR HIS ENEMIES.

The Bolshevik Petrograd Telegraph Agency says:—The Central Executive Committee of the *Soviet* approved, by 150 votes to 104, the Decree declaring the Cadets the enemies of the people.

Addressing the opponents of the Maximalists, M. Trotsky is reported to have said:—"You are perturbed by the wild terror we are applying against our class enemies, but know that not later than a month hence this terror will take a more terrible form, on the model of the terror of the great revolutionaries of France. Not a fortress, but the guillotine, will befall our enemies."

By 360 votes to 321 the Peasants' Congress have passed a resolution denouncing the dispersal by armed force, and the arrest of members of the Constituent Assembly, as a criminal infringement of the rights of the Constituent Assembly, and calling on the country, the Army, and the Navy to defend the Assembly with all their forces.

FIGHTING AT ODESSA.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says:—A telegram from Nicolaeiff, received by the Railwaymen's Union, states that Maximalist troops at Odessa, armed with machine-guns, attacked the arsenal where the Ukrainian Rada (Diet) was assembled. The officials of the Rada telephoned a call to the Ukrainian troops quartered in Odessa, who started fighting with the Maximalists. The fighting ended in the defeat of the latter, who retreated to a neighbouring street. There were many casualties on both sides. Sailors from the Black Sea Fleet participated.

A split has occurred among the Black Sea sailors, the greater part of whom have gone over to the Ukrainians. The latter are preventing the Maximalists from sending troops from Odessa against Kaledin. Communication with Kherson and Kieff is interrupted.

THE LATE TSAR'S ESCAPE DENIED.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says:—The Railwaymen's Union has received a telegram from Tobolsk as follows:—"Reports as to the escape of Citizen Nicholas Romanoff are false."

GERMAN PRESS AND ARMISTICE.

According to a Berlin telegram, the *Berliner Tageblatt*, commenting on the conclusion of the armistice with Russia, says—It is a very joyful occurrence, but premature dreams should not be indulged in. In the peace negotiations which are now beginning we are confronted with difficulties which should not be underestimated. No entrance to a Fjord is more abundantly strewn with rocks.

The *Lokalanzeiger*, on the same topic, says—The comparatively easy agreement reached on the armistice proposal should be regarded as of good augury for the solution of incomparably more difficult problems.

The *Morgenpost* expresses the conviction that the present armistice will lead to a final peace with Russia. From the conclusion of the armistice, the paper remarks, one can deduce that not only is there goodwill on both sides, but that already an agreement is in sight as regards the main conditions of a treaty of peace.

The *Vorwaerts* says:—Strategy has done its work. Now it only remains for our far-seeing statesmanship to perform its task.

The *Post* observes that much still remains to be done. Nevertheless, the consciousness that we must conquer will steel us for the coming trials.

The *Deutsche Zeitung* remarks:—In the presence of an armistice on the Eastern front we must recognise what great military problems we still have to master.

FOOD PROBLEM.

STATEMENT BY MR. CLYNES.

In the House of Commons yesterday on the debate on the Appropriation Bill,

Mr. ANDERSON raised the question of food supply, and more especially the question of food distribution. He said that Lord Rhondda had a very difficult task to perform in the face of a great amount of official red tape, opposition, and sometimes conflict between the Government departments. The result was to delay the operation of schemes for a long time, until they lost their early value. He urged the Government to speed up the very best system of distribution, to relax the game laws for the purpose of supplying food for the people, and to sweep away special interests that stood in the way of the national welfare. The Government were playing too much the part of Micawber, waiting for something to turn up. Meantime problems very grave were being produced. He had hoped that long ago the Government would have produced a scheme of food distribution, but he was afraid that they would dally with the matter until a state of acute panic would force them to act. If that happened, there would come a day of grave reckoning, not only for themselves, but for the nation. Everybody knew that there was a great shortage of supplies, which would not be solved by the mission of Sir Arthur Yapp, which was losing its effect, for the people wanted something more than speeches. There was, no doubt, still going on a good deal of excessive feeding, as a perusal of the menu of a recent Masonic banquet showed, and it was comparisons of that kind with the scramble that was going on to secure bare supplies that were creating a very dangerous state of feeling everywhere. It was impossible that this question of food supply could be controlled from London, and greater powers should be given to local food committees. It was nothing short of a calamity that women and children should have to stand in queues for hours in the inclement weather in order to get bare necessaries, and then be turned away in thousands. These things were, in short, creating a condition of serious social unrest, and unless something was quickly done to alleviate it that unrest would soon be displayed in more active manifestations. The present lessons—the economic lessons—taught by the war had borne themselves very deeply into the public mind, especially into the working class mind. Many people who were taking advantage of the war for their own enrichment were penny wise and pound foolish, because they were creating a great opposition against themselves, and more and more in the future the great democracy of the country would take its life and destiny into its own hands, and look at the national life from the point of view of co-operation for all.

MR. CLYNES.

Mr. CLYNES, replying to the discussion, claimed that the suggestions which had been made by the mover had all been anticipated by the Ministry of Food. If they were to act through the existing machinery and channels, as represented by the shopkeepers, retailers, wholesalers, and food producers, there was no reform or method which could be followed other than the Ministry were seeking to apply. They were trying to deal with the shortage of food by the better organisation of supplies which they had at their disposal. There was a serious shortage of meats and fats, and there was a difficulty in obtaining butter and bacon from Holland, and Denmark. It was imperative, therefore, that the consumption of food of the country should be very appreciably diminished. There is, he said, in the Ministry a keen desire to utilise the services of experienced persons, representative of the co-operative movement, not merely in an advisory capacity, but in executive and administrative work of the Ministry itself. It was proposed to set up in the Ministry a Consumers' Council. He had been asked to become Chairman on this Council. There would be representatives of all the organised working classes, and women would be included. It was proposed that such representatives should not merely call in once a week for information, but that their work should be continuous. His view was that they could group under ten or twelve heads the various questions which the Ministry had to deal with, so that those who came in would become experts, by virtue of limiting their attention to a few articles each. No branch of the policy of organised labour in regard to the food problem had been neglected by the Ministry, and no measures which were effective for such purpose could be too extreme for the Food Controller.

THE QUEUES.

The food queues were due to inadequate supplies, and inequalities in distribution. The rearrangement of distribution was an immensely complicated job, and it took time to decide on the best plan. They were giving the local Food Committees even larger powers than they already possessed in this matter. In this period of trial the Food Controller would not shrink from subordinating the personal and private interests of traders to the interests of the public. (Hear, hear.) The redistribution of the butter supply had been taken in hand with a view to abolishing the queue, while there was a scheme in hand for the better distribution of margarine. The available supplies were being used to as full an extent as was compatible with safety. Lord Rhondda took the view that tea was a necessary food, and all the Indian and Ceylon tea required would be purchased and imported. Supplies would arrive early in 1918, and its distribution would commence early in February. Wholesale and retail profits would be strictly controlled, and the average price paid should be substantially reduced. Instructions were being issued to the local Food Committees either to carry out the plan of priority that had been set up in connection with the milk supply, or definitely to say they could not do so, and to give the reasons why. There could be no system of rationing without a simple method of identification, and the date of birth furnished the best identification. There would be no postponement of the sugar distribution scheme, which commenced on January 1st. The food question was a question for all. It might possibly be the deciding factor in the war, and the Food Controller was entitled to ask for the utmost co-operation, not only of traders, but of every section of the community. (Cheers.)

BRITISH TROOPS IN JERUSALEM.

ALLENBY'S ENTRY.

JOY OF THE POPULACE.

The following is a continuation of the despatch from the Press Association Correspondent with the Palestine Force, describing the surrender of Jerusalem and General Allenby's entry into the city. The earlier portion appeared in our late editions of yesterday:—

During the battle the population of Jerusalem have been living on the tiptoe of excitement. On November 1st they could hear the distant sound of the guns. The truth about our victories gradually leaked out. Deportations became more numerous, and when one day it transpired that the archives and treasures were being removed there was a great panic. It was reported that the British were near at hand. This must have been just after our capture of Ascalon (Medjedel), because several officers arrived at the American hospital barefoot, having run all the way from Wadi Surrar, abandoning everything, including hospitals, with 400 wounded, near Ramleh.

Severe measures were taken, however, and the fugitives were forced to return to the lines. Early in November Enver Pasha personally came to Jerusalem, examined the situation, visited Hebron, and then returned to Constantinople. It afterwards transpired that he recommended the evacuation of Jerusalem, and all the necessary steps were taken. Three days later, however, there was a change of dispositions.

Apparently reinforcements were hurried down, and a proclamation was issued stating that the Turks were going to hold on to the last, and inviting the population to assist with whatever means were in their power, especially with food and warm clothing for the troops.

Although these reinforcements were better equipped than the usual run of Turkish troops, having the latest Mauser rifles and steel helmets, they were hard up for blankets, and pillaged some of the foreign hospices, where they were billeted, of everything moveable. They manifested a very truculent spirit, and said they were going to defend the town to the last, holding the houses if necessary, and machine guns were posted in positions of vantage. It is even stated that many of the sacred places were mined. Later Field-Marshal Falkenhayn arrived to take control of the defence measures, and the day before our entry numerous workmen were still engaged in fitting his temporary headquarters with electric light.

SURPRISED BY BRITISH RUSH.

A Turkish officer said to a neutral:—"The English are so slow we will strip the town, if necessary, before they can get in." Our rush in the end took them completely aback, and left them no time to carry out their worst intentions. Even on the night of the 8th to the 9th the Mutessarif (Turkish Governor) endeavoured to prevail upon the retiring Turkish troops to defend the houses, but the latter had already suffered the bitter experience of Tommy at close quarters, and would not wait, and the Mutessarif himself finally also ran away.

The population of Jerusalem are heart and soul with us, and their relief is not merely due to the fact that our arrival marks the end of their miseries, but chiefly because a new future full of promise now dawns for them. Of the attitude of the Jews and Arabs there cannot be the slightest doubt.

A Turkish sentry present was too impressed to interfere. According to an estimate coming from a Turkish source, there are in Palestine nearly 25,000 Arab and Jewish deserters, or men evading military service, but the Turks have latterly avoided undue severity, as they are beginning to realise the mistakes of their policy.

GENERAL ALLENBY'S ENTRY.

General Allenby made his formal entry into Jerusalem this morning. It was a simple ceremony for such a historic occasion, but nothing could be more impressive. The British political officer and the Governor of the town arrived in Jerusalem yesterday, and had assumed full control. They had the walls placarded with a proclamation announcing a state of siege.

Punctually at noon General Allenby arrived on horseback outside the Jaffa gate, the main western entrance to the town. Everyone who could walk, even some who had to be carried, thronged the route of his progress, and as he passed clapped their hands enthusiastically.

General Allenby acknowledged the demonstration graciously, and some distance from the gate alighted and walked forward on foot towards the city, where the temporary Governor was waiting to receive him. A procession was then formed, General Allenby being escorted on either hand by the colonels commanding the French and Italian contingents, and followed by the Italian, French, and American military *attaches*. Then came several general officers and a guard composed of the various battalions which had participated in the glorious offensive. A guard of English, Scottish, Irish, and Welsh troops stood at attention on one side of the entrance to the Jaffa gate, with an equal number of Anzac troops on the opposite side, and French and Italian detachments inside the gate.

KAISER'S ENTRY RECALLED.

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I was obliged to terminate my Jerusalem message abruptly in order to permit of its despatch by aeroplane over the first part of its journey, consequently there were one or two omissions, which I hasten to repair. Thus, in connection with General Allenby's formal entry I should have stated that the road makes a bend by the Jaffa Gate, which is not over broad, and when the Kaiser visited Jerusalem the city wall was demolished to permit of direct access for the carriages of his procession. The Governor of Jerusalem, however, arranged for General Allenby to enter by the gate itself—a pleasing departure from the Imperial precedent. Throughout the operations leading up to the surrender of the city the Flying Corps rendered most valuable services. The rain must at times have prevented effective cooperation with the artillery, but by flying low our pilots and observers obtained valuable knowledge of the enemy's dispositions and movements, and also, by machine-gunning and bombing, greatly added to his casualties.

One airman's feat deserves special mention. He discovered a column retiring upon Binsh, and descended to an altitude of only 200 feet, whence he dropped six bombs in the midst of the troops, causing terrible slaughter. Returning afterwards, he used his machine-gun with great effect, the Turks scattering like a flock of sheep. The aviators counted many dead on the ground.

Turkish Official.—In Palestine enemy attacks against the front of our positions east of Jerusalem and on the left flank were easily repulsed.

PARLIAMENT.

UNDESIRABLE QUESTIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

THE ALIENS PROBLEM.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—Monday.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 2.45 p.m.

Mr. DAVISON DALZIEL asked the Leader of the House whether he would give an early opportunity for the discussion of the following resolution:—

"That this House is of opinion that any question which, in the opinion of the Speaker, is calculated to embarrass the Government in the conduct of the war shall be placed in a special list, and that such questions, and the answer thereto, shall be considered as a secret communication, and no publication of the same in any newspaper, pamphlet, public speech, or in any other form, shall be allowed; and any infringement under this order shall be considered an offence under the Defence of the Realm Act, and punishable accordingly."

Mr. BONAR LAW—It will be impossible to find time for the discussion of this question before the adjournment. I recognise the importance of the subject, which is now being considered by the Government, and I hope to be able to come to a decision in regard to it during the recess. The hon. member will understand that this difficulty is by no means confined to questions.

Mr. LEES SMITH—Is it not the fact that most of the questions which the Government refuse to answer, particularly those dealing with naval movements, have not been asked by members sitting on the bench below me?

Mr. BONAR LAW—It is not a question entirely of intentional embarrassment, but sometimes a great deal of information is given by questions which raise other questions that ought not to be put.

Mr. MOONEY—What does the right hon. gentleman mean by embarrassing the Government? Does he not think that every hon. member sitting on the Treasury Bench has a perfect right to refuse to answer a question on the ground of public policy, and is that not a sufficient guarantee that no information will be given?

Mr. BONAR LAW—The hon. member overlooks the fact that the question itself gives information. I can assure him that the Government quite realise the difficulty of dealing with the matter, and think that they should not interfere more than is absolutely necessary with the freedom of members.

Mr. MOONEY—Is it not a fact that, under the Standing Orders, the Speaker has the power to suggest to a member that a question should not be put because it is against public policy?

Mr. FABER—Has the Speaker mandatory power?

The SPEAKER—I have no power to stop questions. I have no power, in the proper sense of the word, under the rules, to ask a member not to put a question. Sometimes I have a desire to do so. Sometimes I exercise it. But I would point out that I am not the repository of the secrets of the Government or the War Office, or of the Admiralty; and, therefore, I am not a competent person to decide whether a question is likely, or not, to give information which it is not desirable the enemy should obtain.

Mr. MOONEY asked whether, since the war started, the number of questions of the character referred to was a very small percentage of the total number of questions asked, and whether, under these circumstances, it was necessary, in order to do away with a very small evil, to create a greater evil.

Mr. BONAR LAW—This question was put down without my knowledge, and my answer does not indicate any decision by the Government. Though the proportion of such questions is very small, I have had my attention called by the War Office to certain cases where information which ought not to have gone to the enemy has been thus conveyed. I have asked the War Office for complete information, as I do not wish to take action which is not necessitated by the situation.

Mr. LYNCH—Is it seriously proposed to muzzle members who are more anti-German than the Government themselves, and who believe that the best interests of the country will be served by substituting for the present Government one more earnest, efficient, and energetic?

Mr. BONAR LAW—I am quite sure that if any change is made it will not be of such a nature as to prevent the hon. member suggesting that he, instead of I, should lead the House. (Laughter.)

CONSOLIDATED FUND BILL.

On the motion for the second reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill,

Mr. JOYNSON-HICKS moved the following amendment:—

"That this House is of opinion—(1) That on the completion of the third year of the war, a more definite policy should be adopted by the Government for the internment of alien enemies, and, in particular, that no man should be allowed to remain uninterned, except for definitely national, as opposed to personal reasons. (2) That women and children of enemy origin should, where possible, be repatriated, unless there are exceptional reasons to the contrary. (3) That the Government should forthwith introduce the promised bill giving the Home Secretary power to deal with naturalisation certificates in the case of men who would otherwise be alien enemies. (4) That in any case where a naturalised alien enemy has been convicted of offences against the Realm power should be given to the Home Secretary in the said Act, that such naturalisation should be reviewed by the Home Secretary with a view to its withdrawal. (5) That under no circumstances should any further certificates of naturalisation be issued to alien enemies during the war."

He explained that these resolutions represented the views of two Committees of the Unionist Party. The statistics recently furnished to him proved that over 6,800 Germans, alone, were uninterned, and carrying on their occupations in this country. That fact alone was sufficient justification for the resolutions.

Mr. BUTCHER seconded.

Mr. FABER said that the permanent officials of the Home Office displayed a tenderness towards enemy aliens which he was unable to understand. There was some cog in the wheel which was not working as freely as it should.

General PAGE CROFT said he thought that the resolutions were not drastic enough.

Mr. NEILD complained of laxity in the Home Office administration.

THE HOME SECRETARY.

Sir GEORGE CAVE said that he entirely agreed with the last resolution, that under no circumstances should any further certificates of naturalisation be issued to alien enemies during the war. Neither he nor his predecessor had naturalised one German or Austrian during their term of office. He also entirely agreed that, in the new bill to be introduced, they should have power to review certificates of naturalisation. He would go further than the amendment went. He thought that power to review should be taken in every case where continuance of naturalisation was not conducive to the public good. Suppose that a man had, by some act or speech, shown himself to be disloyal. That was a case where the power to review ought to come in. Take another case, where a man had been naturalised, as to whom it could not be said that he obtained naturalisation by misrepresentation or fraud, but who yet turned out, when all the facts were known, to be not of such a character as to deserve naturalisation. In a case like that, there ought to be power to review. The third resolution asked the Government forthwith to produce their bill. But naturalisation was an Imperial matter, which could not be dealt with without consulting the Dominions. The bill was considered by the Imperial Conference, and the Dominions' representatives were quite prepared to fall in with the views of the home Government, but they desired that the details should be submitted to their Governments. There had been no undue delay, because documents had to be sent to all parts of the world. He hoped to get all the replies soon, and to be able to introduce the bill.

Sir HENRY DALZIEL—Before the war is over?

Sir GEORGE CAVE said that he hoped before the session was over. He did not think that they should legislate before receiving the replies. In the meantime he was not helpless, because there was still power to intern the people who would be affected by the proposals. In regard to repatriation, the Government were ready to deal with the matter as soon as the necessity arose, but it would be an error to state their policy before the proper time arrived. If they said what they were going to do at the end of the war, the question would be discussed while the war was going on, possibly as part of the negotiations for peace. They did not desire that to happen. They had their plans matured in this respect, and he did not propose to go further into that matter now.

IN CASE OF INVASION.

In regard to the first resolution, nothing, he would say, applied to a threat of invasion. In that event an entirely different state of things would arise. The point had been considered.

Mr. FABER—Can you put your hands on them?

Sir GEORGE CAVE—At once. Continuing, he said that he had remarked before that it was most unlikely that any of these uninterned aliens were spies. They were confined to certain districts, and all their movements and correspondence were watched. Since the early days of the war no full-blooded German or Austrian had been detected spying. Those who had been detected were neutrals. People might rest assured that they need not expect to find spies amongst these uninterned aliens. It was said that they took business from our own people. But the power of internment was not given to the Home Office because of that aspect of the matter. He certainly could not be accused of being friendly to German businesses. On the real point—the safety of the realm—there was really no difference between him and hon. members, and he could not be accused of undue leniency in any case. It seemed to him that they had Germans who had resided in this country for between thirty and forty years, who had married British wives, whose children were in the Army fighting for this country, and who produced vouchers of their perfect loyalty. Those were cases where there ought not to be internment. If he found that even in such cases a few of them had broken their word, he should not hesitate to reconsider the whole matter.

Mr. JOYNSON-HICKS—Can the right hon. gentleman give us any idea of the proportion of the 6,800 who have sons in the British Army?

Sir GEORGE CAVE—I should think more than half.

General PAGE CROFT—Because they were conscripted.

Sir GEORGE CAVE said that most of the exemptions were given early in 1915, before the Conscription Act. In most cases their sons volunteered, and were not conscripted. Early this year the whole of these cases were overhauled, and the number of adverse reports was remarkably few. When he was asked to revoke the exemptions *en bloc*, and intern everyone, he was not struck with the instances given as proof that the system had broken down. He believed that in every case there was an answer to be made. He could not accept any amendment which compelled him to shut up all these people. He believed that they had followed reasonable and safe lines, and he knew of no case where the safety of the country had been imperilled by the course that had been taken.

Mr. FABER—That is luck.

Sir GEORGE CAVE said that if the hon. member for Brentford accepted the principles he had laid down, there was nothing between them. He could not, of course, accept the resolutions as an amendment to the bill.

The amendment was withdrawn.

SPECIAL EXTRA.

A WORD TO IRELAND.

In a leading article on to-morrow's expected proposals of the Government with regard to raising additional men for the Army, the *Morning Post* says:—If the Prussian arrives in Ireland it will be the doing of *Sinn Fein*, and the leaders will promptly be rewarded for their pains with a Prussian bullet through the head. Not even Irish logic can argue that Germany is the friend of freedom. But if the German is eventually defeated, while Ireland looks on, takes all, and gives nothing, the Irish patriot has still to consider what he can hope for from England. We can tell Ireland now that she can hope for very little, indeed. Her name will be a byword and a scorn. Already Ireland is the deserter's refuge, and excepting the North and the fighting Irish regiments, she is never regarded without contempt in Great Britain. As for her talk of Home Rule, it will be a derision, and as for the rich subsidies on which Ireland has been battening for generations there will be no more money. The British Government are responsible for complicity in a shameful position. It could be ended at a stroke, and the Government are afraid. They are afraid, although their existence, not to mention the successful conduct of the war, depends upon their decision. It is a dark prospect.

IRISH REDISTRIBUTION.

It is expected, says the *Daily Telegraph*, that the Speaker's Conference on Irish Redistribution will be opened at the House of Commons on Thursday, January 10. No official summonses, however, have yet been sent to the delegates.

PORTUGAL AND THE ALLIES.

Reuter's Agency has received the following statement from the Portuguese Legation:—The Portuguese Government, under the Presidency of Senhor Sidonio Paes, to whom the Revolutionary Committee has transferred all power, solemnly declare that they will honour all engagements taken in the name of the Portuguese nation, and will maintain with full energy their attitude in the war on the side of the Allies. The Portuguese Government have transferred to a Council of Judges of the Supreme Court of Justice the powers of the Chief Magistracy of the Republic.

GERMANY AND RUSSIAN ARMISTICE.

The Press Association's Special Correspondent with the French Army telegraphed yesterday—

According to the statements of numerous prisoners of war Germany, before the signature of the armistice with Russia, withdrew all soldiers between the ages of 20 and 35 from the divisions occupying the Russian front, replacing them by older men and newly-trained recruits. Thus the same formations as hitherto are nominally retained on the Russian frontier, but the step taken has enabled Germany to stiffen the divisions holding the Western front by incorporating in them all the best fighting material still at her disposal.

COMPULSION IN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Hughes, Sir William Irvine, and others who are urging the need for reinforcements, publicly declare, says the Sydney correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, that whichever way the compulsion referendum vote goes, conscription in some form is unavoidable.

COMING GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

Mr. G. H. Perris, the special correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* with the French Armies, says—An early and desperate enemy offensive on the Western front is an evident possibility, against which all defensive precautions are being taken. Our armies are perfectly ready, and perfectly confident of the result.

MACEDONIAN FRONT.

German Official.—Between the Vardar and Lake Doiran an English company, after violent artillery preparation, made an advance, which was repulsed, in an engagement with Bulgarian posts.

THE CHARGE AGAINST M. CAILLAUX.

A Paris telegram, dated Sunday, says:—During the discussion of the Committee for examining the grounds for the prosecution of MM. Caillaux and Lonstalot, M. Clemenceau, Premier, protested against any obligation being created by the alleged intervention of M. Barrere, French Ambassador in Rome. After quoting from diplomatic documents, M. Clemenceau declared that the presence of M. Caillaux in Rome caused uneasiness to the Italian Government. Baron Sonnino, Foreign Minister, M. Clemenceau stated, notified the Ambassadors of France, Great Britain, and Russia and the Minister of Rumania of the fact. He then added—If the presumptions raised against M. Caillaux were to be accumulated against an ordinary citizen, there would be no discussion about them. The Government has accepted its responsibilities; the Chamber will likewise accept responsibility. Should the Chamber refuse to sanction the prosecution, the Government will not remain in power.

The Committee then proceeded to take the statement of M. Caillaux, who submitted to it the letters of M. Mabillean, denying words attributed to him (M. Caillaux) on the subject of the projected agreement, which was eventually to be submitted to the Vatican.

The Committee subsequently voted the suspension of Parliamentary immunity in the case of MM. Caillaux and Lonstalot.

MESOPOTAMIA COMFORTS FUND FOR BRITISH TROOPS.

The committee of this fund for British troops serving in Mesopotamia have been able, through the generosity of their supporters, to spend on the provision of "comforts" more than £50,000. The committee have the testimony of the late Lieutenant-General Sir Stanley Maude and of officers commanding units in Mesopotamia that these gifts have done much to contribute to the health and well-being and to alleviate the hardships of our brave troops who are fighting in one of the worst climates in the world. The committee appeal for further subscriptions, and in doing so desire to intimate their intention that any moneys unexpended shall be devoted hereafter, in memory of Sir Stanley Maude and officers and men who shall have lost their lives in the Mesopotamia campaign, towards some useful object or objects conducive to the welfare of British troops who have served in that campaign.

Lord Lamington is Chairman of the Committee, Marquis of Sligo Vice-Chairman, and the Committee includes—The Countess of Donoughmore, the Viscountess Midleton, the Lady Evelyn Farquhar, the Hon. Lady Monro, the Hon. Mrs. Frederick Guest, Lady Maude, Mrs. Austen Chamberlain, Mrs. Holdsworth, Miss Stella Maude, the Earl of Desart, the Lord Mayor of London Sir Hugh Barnes, Sir Leslie Porter, Sir Charles C. McLeod, Mr. M. P. Grace, Mr. Percy C. Simmons, L.C.C.

TCHEKO-SLOVAKS AND AUSTRIA.

A Reuter's telegram, dated Corfu, Sunday, states that the official Serbian Press Bureau publishes the following:—The Minister for Serbia, at Washington, has received a telegram from the Tcheko-Slovaks of America, conveying the following declaration:—

"The Tcheko-Slovak Union of Chicago welcomes the declaration of war by the United States against Austria-Hungary, our common enemy, and begs you to transmit to your Government the expression of our devotion and friendly sentiments.

"(Signed), DR FICHER."

The companies forming the Pool Board of Petroleum Supplies announce a further reduction in the wholesale prices of war motor spirit, which effects a reduction of 1d. in retail prices.

THE WORLD OVER.

PEOPLE, PLACES, AND EVENTS IN THE NEWS.

TURKEYS FINE, BUT SCARCE.

The rush for Christmas turkeys in London is producing curious results. Intending purchasers are being told that only orders which were put on hand weeks ago stand any chance of being executed. Nobody seems to be able to say with any certainty what the price will be. In some districts housewives are being informed that they will have to pay from 2s. 6d. a lb., and even 3s. towards the end of this week. The turkeys are described as being unusually plump.

A BOXING DAY DINNER.

Whatever price may be charged for turkeys in London—2s. 6d. and upwards—birds were on sale retail yesterday at 1s. 10d. to 2s., of course for delivery as offered. A bird will well keep a week if left with the poulterer, or, if a good outdoor larder be available in a private house. For those who want a relief dish, say for St. Stephen's Day, the hanging of a haunch of mutton to-day would make it perfect by the 26th. Plenty of real red currant jelly, mashed turnips, and the old-fashioned boiled batter pudding—what a relief from the carcase of that giant bird.

A QUESTION OF TERMINOLOGY.

Extract from the speech of a representative of the National Federation of Property Owners holding forth in the North the other night: "We are all out for the same thing. The workman calls it 'wages,' the clerk 'salary,' the lawyer 'fees,' the burglar 'swag.' It is only a case of terminology!"

CURTAILING "LUXURY" ARTICLES.

How many "luxury trades" will be affected by the new man-power regulations is difficult to gauge. It is anticipated that the manufacturing wholesale trades will be first tackled before the retail shops. Luxury articles in which the output is by women, of course, will be immune from interference comparatively. The general opinion, however, is that, apart from the consideration of obtaining man-power for the State, there is a move to curtail anything under the classification of luxuries.

MANY DOGS TURNED ADRIFT.

Many dogs are being turned adrift on the streets in England by owners who fear that the tax is to be increased in January next. No such increase has been decided upon, and the National Canine Defence League appeals that this cruel treatment of dogs should cease. Such people who leave dogs to their fate should have their Christmas dinner sent to the dogs' homes.

LORD MORLEY ON SIR HERBERT TREE.

Yesterday would have been Sir Herbert Tree's sixty-fourth birthday had he lived. There is an interesting reference to him in Lord Morley's "Recollections": "A very pleasant fellow. Said he learnt his part with immense labour, while his wife, on the contrary, had no trouble; if she put the book under her pillow she seemed to know her lines when she awoke." Sir Herbert found, as other actors have found, that a long run was a positive cause of forgetfulness of lines. Memory lapses often occur after one hundred performances of the same play.

LADY TRAM CONDUCTOR.

First urchin to his pal: "I saw I was on the wrong tram and I tried to jump off, but she catched me by the collar. 'One of these days you'll break your —— beak doing that,' she said, 'and then you'll blame the lady guard.'"

"GENTLEMANLY HUNS."

A story of an hour spent in a German submarine is told by Naval Cadet Charles Vincent, son of a Bath resident. Vincent was in a recently torpedoed cargo boat, which remained some time afloat. With five others he was aboard the submarine as hostages while the pirates placed a time-bomb on the doomed ship. They were subsequently allowed to return to their boat in bitter weather and cut adrift, being picked up. Vincent says that the Germans treated them considerately on the submarine. They acted like "gentlemen," expressed satisfaction that nobody had been killed by the torpedo explosion, and hoped that the war would soon be over.

HOLDING GIFTS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

A week to-day and that white-bearded imposter, Father Christmas, who neglected us when we got into our teens, will have levied his toll on our depleted war finances. Not half enough importance is attached to New Year's Day. Many people abroad keep nearly half the presents which are sent to their children for the first day of the New Year, which is quite sensible. It avoids that feeling of reaction which even a child can experience. Oh! that older people could look forward to a stocking on *le jour de l'an!*

ANTICIPATING 19—

Mr. Noel Buxton is to move a resolution in the House of Commons declaring that the time has arrived for the Government to declare their intention to support the Channel tunnel proposal, so that arrangements may be made for the commencement of the work as soon as possible after the end of the war.

UP-TO-DATE WORKING FASHIONS.

Fashions for women who nowadays wear the breeches are dealt with in an interesting pamphlet issued by the Home Office. Photographs are given of two main types, the overall suit and the trouser or knicker suit with tunic, but these again are varied to suit different trades and processes. Nine kinds of clothing are illustrated to meet the needs for protection in dusty or dirty work.

DUKE'S BAN ON SPECULATION.

The Duke of Westminster is to sell part of his Eaton Hall estate, near Chester, by auction next year. In a letter he says:—

"With the view of assisting my tenants to purchase their holdings, I hope to arrange with the estate trustees that two-thirds of the purchase money may remain on first mortgage of the property purchased by a tenant on payment of interest on the money at 5 per cent. per annum, if, on the report of the trustees' advisers, they may properly do so."

One condition to this offer is that the tenant purchases only for his own occupation. "Instructions have been given," he adds, "that the estate shall not be sold as a whole to any speculator."

FRANCE'S COLONIAL POSSESSIONS.

It was pointed out the other day by an eminent Frenchman at a meeting at which M. Cambon, the French Ambassador, was also a speaker, that France's Colonies are equal in area to those of British possessions in Asia and Africa, and are in square miles twenty times the size of France itself. That country owns over four million square miles, with a population of over fifty millions. Many have been apt to underestimate the Colonial importance of our neighbour.

PARIS INCONSISTENCIES.

Winter tight-lacing has been out of fashion in Paris for some time; aggressive high heels are maintained. Narrow skirts have come in—for economy—but the flimsiest silk stockings, and high boots with thin soles are still the vogue. One is pleased to see so many women here sensible enough to wear thick stockings. They are not unsightly either when the eye gets accustomed to them.

WOODEN-SOLED GERMANS.

Such a thing as getting a pair of boots half-soled and heeled in Germany is next to impossible, leather not being for civilians. The wooden sole is the only remedy for those who do not want to be "on their uppers." A pair of men's boots in Brussels costs £4 to-day.

Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson died yesterday morning. She was 81. Dr. Anderson was Mayor of Aldeburgh in 1908—the first woman elected Mayor in England. The Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians refused to admit her to their examinations, and she took the M.D. Degree at Paris University in 1870.

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MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

Amongst the officers mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's recent despatches are the following:—

Royal Artillery.—Archdale, Lt.-Col. T. M.; Barry, Capt. F.; Boylan, Lt. (actg. Capt.) E. T. A. G.; Browne, Lt. (actg. Capt.) V. F.; Corbett, Temp. Maj. C. U., ret. pay, late R.A. (Maj., Yeo.); Curling, Capt. (actg. Lt.-Col.) R. R.; Wickham, Maj. (actg. Lt.-Col.) T. E. P.; Woolcombe-Adams, Maj. C. E. G.; Carey, 37883 Sgt. (temp. Sgt.-Maj.) W. J. (Arty. Clerk Sect.), R.G.A.; Keenan, 22366 Co. Sgt.-Maj.) W. F. (Arty. Clerk Sect.), R.G.A.

Royal Horse Artillery.—Lynch, Lt. (actg. Maj.) G. T. R. G.; Rochfort-Boyd, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) H. C.; Scarlett, Maj. Hon. H. R.; Stewart, 2nd Lt. (actg. Capt.) J. (Spec. Res.); West, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) A. H. D.

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Royal Garrison Artillery.—Beasley, Maj. (actg. Lt.-Col.) J. H. M.; Corbett, Capt. (actg. Maj.) G. R. de la C.; Corrie, Lt.-Col. W. F. T.; Guise-Moores, Lt. (actg. Maj.) B. S. K.; Gunn, Maj. (actg. Lt.-Col.) H. B. L. G.; Kavanagh, Temp. Capt. (actg. Maj.) C. J.; Mahoney, 2nd Lt. H. J.; Mallins, Lt. (actg. Capt.) W. F. H.; Brogan, 50708 Gnr. (actg. Bombr.) P.; Flynn, 456788 Cpl. T.; Harrington, 11099 Bty. Sgt.-Maj. C. H.; Moore, 16345 Sgt. F.; Moore, 63278 Gnr. (actg. Bombr.) W. J.; Murphy, 19701 Sgt. D. J.; Sheehan, 277630 Bombr. L.; Chalmers, 2nd Lt. J.; Collins, 2nd Lt. (actg. Maj.) H. W.; Kennedy, 2nd Lt. G. L.; Moriarty, Maj. O. N., D.S.O.; Butler, 2nd Lt. A. T. E.; Doig, Maj. P.

Royal Engineers.—Barrett, Temp. 2nd Lt. A. W.; Barrington-Ward, Temp. Maj. V. M.; Beresford, Temp. 2nd Lt. (actg. Lt.) H. E. M.; Butler, Temp. Maj. F. N. (Capt., ret.) (Hon. Maj., ret.); Carroll, Temp. Capt. H. F.; Chenevix-Trench, Maj. L.; Dillon, Temp. Lt. T. F.; Fitzpatrick, Capt. and Bt. Maj. N. T.; Ffrench-Mullen, Capt. D. R. St. J. J.; Glendenning, Temp. Capt. (actg. Maj.) S. E.; Gough, Temp. 2nd Lt. H. J.; Griffin, Temp. Capt. A. E.; Lynch, Maj. C. St. J.; Moore, Temp. Lt. E. D.; Mulqueen, Temp. Capt. (actg. Maj.) F. J.; Sinnott, 2nd Lt. E. G.; Barlow, 100157 2nd Cpl. C. G.; Butler, 148443 Sgt. H.; Byrne, 35784 Lce.-Cpl. (actg. 2nd Cpl.) W.; Craig, 23441 Sgt. (actg. Co. Sgt.-Maj.) F. G.; Cullen, 45988 2nd Cpl. (actg. Sgt.) J.; Fitzgibbon, 131597 Lce.-Cpl. (actg. Cpl.) G.; Hoare, 23619 Spr. (actg. Lce.-Cpl.) C.; Kavanagh, 98768 Lce.-Cpl. (actg. Cpl.) W.; Kelley, 73685 Sgt. J. G.; Kennedy, 11386 Engr. Clerk Sgt. H.; Mulkern, 109849 Spr. (actg. Cpl.) F. T.; O'Connor, 22805 Cpl. (actg. Sgt.) J.; O'Marah, 78373 Lce.-Cpl. A. T.; Tener, 57101 Co. Qrmr.-Sgt. F. H.; Blake, 2nd Lt. (temp. Lt.) R. H.; O'Dowda, 2nd Lt. B. F.; Duffy, 444058 Spr. (actg. Lce.-Cpl.) J.; Fitzpatrick, 432322 Sgt. J.; Sullivan, 492295 Sgt. P.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL.

In the House of Lords yesterday,

On the order for the second reading of the Representation of the People Bill, formally moved by Viscount Peel,

Lord SALISBURY said that we prided ourselves on being a democratic country, and to smuggle through a bill of this magnitude at a time when people were thinking of something else was not the right way to be loyal to the democratic instinct. He protested against these vast legislative changes being introduced at a time when the whole business of the Government was to occupy themselves with the vigorous prosecution of the war. All the same, it would be a mistake to reject the second reading, as there were many parts of the bill that were not only non-controversial, but which would be a great improvement on the present law. He viewed with alarm the extension of the franchise to six million women, in addition to other enormous increases in the electorate. The principle of the alternative vote was not a satisfactory method of settling the difficulty that it claimed to remedy. A better method was the system of proportional representation, and he claimed that that system held the field. (Cheers.) With regard to the redistribution of seats in Ireland, he thought that the attempt to deal piecemeal with Ireland was altogether indefensible. They should have the Irish scheme before them, so that they might know where they were. (Hear, hear.) There could be no doubt that if the franchise was applied in Ireland as proposed, the power of the *Sinn Feiners* would be enormously increased. He was glad that the vote was being extended to soldiers, but they would require to know how far the views of the Army Council differed from those of the Government on the subject of trench elections. The problem of the trench election had been solved by all our Dominions.

Viscount BRYCE could have wished that so vast a change in our electoral system had not been proposed at a time like the present, or that it had been restricted to narrower limits. With regard to what he characterised as the most novel and momentous feature of the bill, the enfranchisement of six million women, he said that we had no evidence that the the nation desired such a change. If the question was left to a popular vote among the women it was probable that the change would be rejected. (Cheers.) The immense majority of women are not qualified to use the vote to their own advantage or that of the nation.

Lord PARMOOR advocated the principle of proportional representation, and urged its restoration to the bill.

Lord BURNHAM characterised the bill as a revolution. He urged the necessity of restoring to the bill the provision for proportional representation, which, he said, was an essential part of the scheme adopted at the Speaker's Conference, and without which unanimity could not have been reached. It would be a very serious thing if no provision was made for the representation of minorities.

Lord SYDENHAM criticised the proposal to grant the franchise to women, and declared that there was not a shred of evidence to show that the majority of men, or even of women, really desired this fundamental change in our Constitution. Revolutionary changes should not be made until the will of the people had been expressed at a general election.

Earl RUSSELL said it would be impossible not to pass this bill now. The people expected and demanded it. He regarded the disfranchisement of conscientious objectors as a blot on the bill.

On the motion of Viscount Chaplin the debate was adjourned.

THE PROVISION OF MEALS BILL.

The Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Bill passed through Committee, and the House rose at 7.55.

WAR BONUS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

The Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Government Employés yesterday issued awards on important claims recently heard by them from organisations representative of nearly 150,000 civil servants, with remuneration ranging up to £500 a year. The lower paid classes receive an additional 6s. a week to men, and 4s. to women. The more highly paid classes receive as a bonus a percentage of their salaries varying from 15 to 10 per cent. Employés between £156 10s. and £500 a year have hitherto received no bonus, except the 5s. a week awarded by the Board last May. To those whose salary did not exceed £250 a year are now given bonuses varying from £34 to £50 a year, on a basis of percentage of salary, women receiving two-thirds of the sum awarded to men. The classes of temporary employés of the General Post Office represented before the Board are given a further 6s.

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ROLL OF HONOUR

Last night's casualty lists show the following losses:—Officers—Dead, 69; wounded or missing, 181. Rank and File—Dead, 406; wounded or missing, 1,372. Analysis of the lists:—Killed—Officers, 46; men, 196. Otherwise reported, now reported dead—Officers, 10; men, 98. Died of wounds—Officers, 13; men, 102. Died—Men, 10. Wounded—Officers, 123; men, 1,238. Missing—Officers, 58; men, 134. Total—Officers, 250; men, 1,778. Previously otherwise reported, now reported prisoners, 17.

Two chaplains are reported killed—the Rev. O. H. Holden, attached to the Rifle Brigade, and the Rev. T. Howell, attached to the Shropshire Light Infantry.

KILLED.

HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY.

CUNNINGHAM, Sec. Lt. P. N.
DAVIDSON, Capt. G. L.
MILLER, Sec. Lt. J.
OSBORNE, Sec. Lt. J.
REID, Sec. Lt. R. H.
WHITFIELD, Sec. Lt. J.

ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

CARTER, Sec. Lt. G. A.
CAWSON, Sec. Lt. G. A.
NUNNERLEY, Sec. Lt. W. K.
WINNICOTT, Sec. Lt. R., M.C.

OTHER REGIMENTS.

ABBISS, Second Lieut. R. D., K.O. (Yorks. L.I.).
ANDERSON, Lt.-Col. D. K., M.C., M.G.C. (Capt. Buffs.)
ASHLEY, Second Lieut. M., Royal Irish Fusiliers.
BENSON, Captain L., Border Regiment.
EASTWOOD, Lieutenant R., Royal Engineers.
ECKERSLEY, Second Lieut. H., Labour Corps.
EDWARDS, Lieutenant E., South Wales Borderers.
EDWARDES, Captain Hon. C., Yeomanry.
ELLIS, Second Lieut. J. N., K.O. (Yorks. L.I.).
FORDE, Captain H. R., M.C., K.O. (Yorks. L.I.).
FREEMAN, Second Lieut. W. W., Durham Light In.
FUGEMAN, Captain W. A., Royal Fusiliers.
GAMLEN, Captain R. A. W., Worcestershire Regt.
GRANT, Captain A., Essex Regiment.
HOLDEN, Rev. O. A., A. Chap. Dept. attd. Rif. Brig.
HOWELL, Rev. T., A. Chap. Dept., attd. Shrops. L.I.
KEAN, Captain J. H., King's Own (Royal Lanc. R.).
MACFARLANE, Lieutenant A., Royal Field Artillery.
M'KEE, Second Lieut. J. A., South Staff. Regt.
MARTIN, Captain P. M., Border Regiment.
MACINTYRE, Lieutenant I. C., Machine Gun Corps.
REED, Second Lieut. J. R., Royal Fusiliers.
ROBERTSON, Second Lieut. R. H., Hampshire Regt.
ROBINSON, Sec. Lt. J. H., Som. L.I., attd. S.Staff.R.
RENTON, Captain A. J., Essex Regiment.
SANDEMAN, Captain A. F., Border Regiment.
SIMMONS, Second Lieut. R. E., Royal Garrison Artil.
SOUTHON, Second Lieut. J. E., London Regt.
WARTER, Captain H. de G., Dragoon Guards.

NOW REPORTED KILLED.

ABRAHAM, Captain A. T., M.C., Manchester Regt.
COAKLEY, Second Lieut. C. S., Shropshire L.I.
DE ROCHIE, Second Lieutenant C. M., R.F.C.
OLIVER, Second Lieutenant S. J., Royal Flying Corps.
ROTHE, Second Lieutenant S. E. O., Middlesex Regt.
SKEFFINGTON, Second Lieut. H. N. S., R.F.C.
STOVOLD, Capt. P. A., Queen's (R.W. Surr. R.).

DIED OF WOUNDS.

BUCHAN, Second Lieut. C., Lancashire Fusiliers.
CHALAND, Lieutenant M. L., M.C., Norfolk Regt.
CORCORAN, Second Lieut. A. T., K.O. (Yorks. L.I.).
FENNER, Lieut. A. T., North Staffordshire Regt.
HISLOP, Second Lieut. P. R., Middlesex Regt.
M'MASTER, Major H., M.C., Royal Field Artillery.
MORPHY, Lieutenant W. A., Army Service Corps.
MORRIS, Sec. Lt. E. A., S. Wales Bord., attd. R. Welsh Fus.
SHEA, Hon. Capt. and Qmr. J. P. L., Durham L.I.
WATSON, Second Lieut. J. R., Machine Gun Corps.
YOUNG, Second Lieut. H. V., Royal Flying Corps.

WOUNDED.

LONDON REGIMENT.

BARCLAY, Sec. Lt. W. J.
BUTLER, Sec. Lt. C. R.
GILCHRIST, Lt. R. A.
COWTAN, Sec. Lt. P. W.
HEWITT, Capt. A., M.C.
HOPKINS, Sec. Lt. C. E.
MUDFORD, Sec. Lt. F. W.
NAVE, Sec. Lt. H. J.
PINCOMBE, Sec. Lt. R. A.
PULLEY, Sec. Lt. E.
SLEIGHT, Sec. Lt. K. R.
VELCH, Capt. C. W.

HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY.

DAVIES, Capt. W. T., M.C.
M'LELLAN, Sec. Lt. J., M.C.
MURRAY, Sec. Lt. S. M.
SCOTT, Maj. W.D., D.S.O., M.C.
TEMPLE, Sec. Lt. R. G.A.
WESTWATER, Capt. J. O.

BORDER REGIMENT.

McCONNAN, Capt. C. W.
ABBEY, Sec. Lt. H. J.
DUFF, Sec. Lt. H.
HAYWARD, Sec. Lt. W. A. C.
HELLIER, Sec. Lt. L. G.
HOTCHKISS, Lt. J. H. W.
MALLEY-MARTIN, Sec. Lt. J., M.C.
JAMIE, Sec. Lt. J. M.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

DAVIS, Capt. R. G.
DEEVES, Sec. Lt. T. W.
ELGEE, Lt.-Col. J. W. L.
GOSDEN, Sec. Lt. A.
KNOWLES, Lieut. B. (R.A.M.C.).
WICKSTEED, Sec. Lieut. G. F.

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

HUMPHREYS, Capt. H. P. W., M.C.
RAMBAUT, Capt. G. M.
McKEAG, Capt. P. W. (R.A.M.C.).
RAMBAUT, Capt. G. M.
REID, Capt. A.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE REGIMENT.

ATKINSON, Capt. R. H.
BARRETT, Lt. T. P. F. S.
EASTAUGH, Lt. C.
GILCHRIST, Lt. F. C. S.
MANUELL, Lt. A. H.
NEWBOLD, Sec. Lt. A. W.
PORTMAN, Sec. Lt. B. W. L.
THORP, Sec. Lt. S. T. B.

KING'S OWN YORKSHIRE L.I.

BRIGHAM, Sec. Lt. H. L.
GOOD, Sec. Lt. T. S.
HALLIDAY, Sec. Lt. C. P., M.C.
KNIGHT, Sec. Lt. H. J.
LAMBERT, Capt. P.
STARK, Sec. Lt. A. W.

LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS.

BROCKMAN, Lt. W. J.
GREENHILL, Capt R. F.
RANGIER, Capt. C. L.
SCHOLES, Sec. Lt. E. A.
CHANDLER, Sec. Lt. W. J.

OTHER REGIMENTS.

ANTHONY, Major E. A., Army Service Corps.
BARKER, Second Lieutenant A., Worc. Regiment.
BECK, Second Lieutenant C. H., Egyptian Lab. Corps.
BREWER, Second Lieutenant N. J., Linc. R., attd. E. Lan. Regiment.
BALL, Second Lieutenant H. L., Essex Regiment.
BORTHWICK, Lieutenant C. H. M.C., R.H.A.
CORRY, Second Lieutenant J. E., Queen's (R.W. Surrey Regiment).
COUPER, Second Lieutenant W. A., R.F.C.
CHAMBERS, Second Lieutenant W., Scottish Rifles.
CRAIK, Captain D. McL., Royal Engineers.
DAVIDSON, Second Lieutenant D., North'n. Fusiliers.
DENISON, Captain H. A., M.C., K.R. Rifle Corps.
DUDDING, Captain M., Yeomanry.
DUDGEON, Lieutenant J. H., Dragoons.
GREEN, Captain E. A. T., R.A.M.C., attd. Sea. Highrs.
GORDON, Second Lieutenant W. P. L., Norf. Regiment.
HAYES, Second Lieutenant T. W., R. Muns. Fusiliers.
HOWARTH, Second Lieutenant H., R.G.A.
HAY, Second Lieutenant A. McN., Royal Engineers.
HAYNES, Lieutenant T. C. W., Manchester Regiment.
HOWARD, Lieutenant W. E., M.G.C. (Sec. Lt. Manchester Regiment).
HOWICK, Second Lieutenant T. K., R. Guernsey L.I.
HUDSON, Second Lieutenant W. R., Rifle Brigade.
KNIGHT, Captain J. J., R. Welsh Fus., attd. Lab. Corps.
KINLOCH, Captain R. P., Royal Garrison Artillery.
LOSEBY, Captain C. E., Lan. Fusiliers.
LEVANDER, Lieutenant H. J., Hussars.
MACKENZIE, Lieutenant A. R., Cam'n. Highlanders.
MARSH, Second Lieutenant J. N., K.R. Rifle Corps.
MASON, Second Lieutenant J. N., Hussars, attd. Yeo.
MAUGHAN, Lieutenant W., Tank Corps.
McILWRAITH, Captain J. G., R. Guernsey Militia, attd. R. Guernsey L.I.
MAXFIELD, Lieutenant S. C., Royal Fusiliers.
MURRAY, Captain W. A., Royal Fusiliers.
NAIRN, Captain G. A., Gordon Highlanders.
NAIRNE, Second Lieutenant R., Royal Scots.
PARGETER, Second Lieutenant F., Lancers.
PHILLIPS, Second Lieutenant F. H., N. Staffs. R.
PICKUP, Captain W. S., R.A.M.C., attd. Som. L.I.
PRENDERGAST, Second Lieutenant M., R. Muns. Fus.
RANKIN, Captain F. P., R.A.M.C.
RODGER, Lieutenant W. K., M.G.C.
REID, Captain A., Royal Field Artillery.
RIDGWAY, Captain E., N. Staffs. Regiment.
ROCKE, Major C. E. A. S., Irish Guards.
SCORE, Lieutenant P. J., N. Staffs. R., attd. T.M. Bty.
SEERY, Second Lieutenant W., Leinster Regiment.
SMALLWOOD, Second Lieutenant J. T., North'n. Fus.
SPARKES, Captain R. W. R., L.N. Lan. Regiment.
STEELE, Captain J. D., Essex Regiment.
SUTHERLAND, Second Lieutenant C. S., North'n. Fus.
SOUTER, Lieutenant J. H., Gen. List, New Armies, attd. Scottish Rifles.
SPENCE, Second Lieutenant J. A., R. Dublin Fusiliers.
STEWARD, Second Lieutenant C. A., R.G.A.
WALKER, Second Lieutenant A. H., Ches. Regiment.
WILLIAMSON, Second Lieutenant T. F., Royal Fus.
WORTHINGTON, Second Lieutenant A. T., R. Welsh Fusiliers.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

AIRD, Second Lieutenant A. T., London Regiment.
CANNON, Captain A. T., London Regiment.
FARRINGTON, Second Lieutenant C. H., K.O. (R. Lanc.R.), attd. London Regiment.
SCHRODER, Second Lieutenant H. D., Lan. Fusiliers.

MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED.

ALEXANDER, Captain J., Highland Light Infantry.

MISSING.

KING'S LIVERPOOL REGIMENT.

BARDSWELL, Sec. Lt. H. R.
DICKSON, Sec. Lt. G. L.
FERGUSON, Capt. J. (R.A.M.C.)
GARROW, Sec. Lt. W.
GULICH, Lt. J. D.
LOWE, Sec. Lt. F. H.
MANTLE, Sec. Lt. A.
SALVIDGE, Capt. A. J.
STEWART, Sec. Lt. I. A.
VELHO, Sec. Lt. S. F.

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

DARLEY, Sec. Lt. C. B.
GOLDSTEIN, Lt. L.
GRIBBLE, Sec. Lt. R. H.
MAYNARD, Lt. H.

ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

KENDALL, Sec. Lt. S.
NIXON, Sec. Lt. L. G.
OGDEN, Sec. Lt. C. E.
RENNELLS-MOSS, Sec. Lt. C. G. V.
WHITWORTH, Lt. H.

SOUTH LANCASHIRE REGIMENT.

CLIFFE, Sec. Lt. F. V.
de PENNINGTON, Sec. Lieut. D.
DICKINSON, Lt. W.
HARGRAVES, Capt. F. R. F.
INGHAM, Sec. Lt. H.
ALLOWAY, Sec. Lt. H. G.
LISBETT, Sec. Lt. F.
PLOWMAN, Lt. P.
SHUFFLEBOTHAM, Capt. J.
SMETHURST, Capt. F. J.
THIERENS, Lt. V. T.
WHITAKER, Capt. H. G.

LOYAL NORTH LANCASHIRE REGIMENT.

HOWE, Capt. C. A.
MARSDEN, Sec. Lt. W.
ROBERTSON, Sec. Lt. C. A.
WARD, Capt. E. H.
WRAY, Lt. C. B.

OTHER REGIMENTS.

ALEXANDER, Capt. D. R., M.C., R.A.M.C., attd. Worcester Regiment.
ASQUITH, Second Lt. G. W., K.O. (Yorks L.I.)
BROOKS, Second Lieutenant G. T., London Regt.
CAIN, Second Lt. E., K.O. (Yorks Light Infantry).
COLLINGS, Second Lt. F. R., Northumberland Fus.
CORPS, Second Lieutenant E. L., Essex Regiment.
DAVIDSON, Capt. J., R.A.M.C., attd. K.R.Rif.C.
HALL, Second Lieutenant E. C., Essex Regiment.
HARRISON, Second Lieutenant W., K.O. (R.Lanc.R.)
JESSOP, Captain H. T., Essex Regiment.
LEE, Second Lieutenant L. B., R.E.
MALLINSON, Captain C. H., East Lanc. Regiment.
RIDGWAY, Second Lieutenant W. T., Border Regiment.
ROBINSON, Lieutenant J. D., Essex Regiment.
ROBSON, Second Lieutenant W. J., Yeomanry.
TROUGHTON, Lt.-Col. L. H. W., M.C., Rifle Brig.
WILLS, Captain C. R., R.A.M.C., attd. Rifle Brig.

NOW REPORTED PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMAN HANDS.

ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

FLEMING, Sec. Lt. J. A. M.
HILLS, Sec. Lt. O. M., M.C.
JONES, Sec. Lt. W. H.
KINGSLAND, Sec. Lt. W. R.
M'LAURIM, Sec. Lt. D.

OTHER REGIMENTS.

HIELD, Second Lieutenant V., South Staff. Regt.
PURVIS, Captain W. B., Manchester Regiment.
EVANS, Captain R. B., Royal Scots.
THORPE, Second Lieutenant A. H., Royal War. Regt.
BLIGHT, Second Lieutenant B. W., Devon. Regt.
BOSTOCK, Second Lieutenant E. L., Tank Corps.
CHUBB, Second Lieutenant J. E. V., Royal Scots.
DREW, Second Lieutenant G. A., Devon Regiment.
EVANS, Lieutenant W. G., Devon. Regiment.
FRY, Second Lieutenant H. E., Royal West K. Regt.
ROGERS, Second Lieutenant D. A., North'd Fus.
SEARS, Second Lieutenant H., Northumberland Fus.

CANADIAN FORCES.

KILLED.

DOCHERTY, Lt.-Colonel M., D.S.O., Can. Cavalry.
WAUGH, Lieutenant A. L., Canadian Cavalry.
YOUNG, Lieutenant R., Canadian Cavalry.

NOW REPORTED KILLED.

GUNN, Lieutenant A. McK., Manchester Regiment.

NOW REPORTED DIED OF WOUNDS.

HANNAN, Lieutenant S. F., Cent. Ont. Regiment.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

VAN BUSKIRK, Lieutenant L. E., Canadian Cavalry, attd. R.F.C.

WOUNDED.

ALLAIRE, Lieutenant W. J., Quebec Regiment.
CASSELS, Lieutenant G. T., Canadian F.A.
CROTHERS, Lieutenant V. B., Canadian Cavalry.
DEXTER, Lieutenant W. E., B.C. Regt., attd. R.F.C.
HARMON, Lt. B. W., M.C., B.C. Regt., attd. R.F.C.
LAWSON, Lieutenant J. L., Canadian Field A.
McNEILL, Lieutenant D. G., Canadian Cavalry.
RYAN, Captain J. B., Canadian Field Artillery.
SATTIN, Lt. A., W. Ont. Regt., attd. R.F.C.

NEWFOUNDLAND FORCES.

KILLED.

BARTLETT, Capt. R. W., M.C., Newf. Regiment.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

HERDER, Sec. Lt. A. J., Newfoundland Regiment.
LANGMEAD, Lieutenant G., Newfoundland Regiment.

NATIONAL TEACHERS AND DR. STARKIE.

Mr. T. J. O'Connell, General Secretary of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation, writes to us in reply to the statements in Dr. Starkie's recent letter. He says that the mystery which surrounds Irish educational legislation and administration seems to him to be largely responsible for the state of affairs which has culminated in the present crisis. They had never been able to say whether it was the Irish Government, the Treasury, the Education Office, or the Commissioners who initiated the various harassing regulations and restrictions which often make the life of the teacher a misery. With reference to Dr. Starkie's statement that "the question as to who drafted any particular letter is of no importance," Mr. O'Connell says that this was no ordinary letter in the departmental sense of the term. It was a comprehensive, detailed, and highly technical scheme, directly affecting the interests of 16,000 public servants, and indirectly the national welfare, and it was of the utmost importance that the fullest light should be thrown on its origin and its later progress until it made its appearance as a White Paper. Within the past few days there have been statements from Mr. Duke, Dr. Starkie, and the Most Rev. Dr. Foley, which the ordinary man in the street must find exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to reconcile. Mr. Duke had accepted Ministerial responsibility for the scheme, and the significance of the adjective cannot be overlooked. Dr. Starkie said: "The principles of the allocation of the new moneys are in the main those suggested to the Government by the National Board.. . . . Mr. Duke was sufficiently complaisant to the Board to adopt almost in its entirety their own scheme. . . . It could not enter the mind of Dr. Foley to deny that the Board were consulted as to the allocation of the new moneys, and that their own scheme had been adopted almost completely by Mr. Duke, so far as the teachers' salaries are concerned." In an interview Dr. Foley was reported to have stated: 'I was greatly disappointed with the procedure which he (Mr. Duke) adopted in connection with the Education Grant. I shall say nothing of his promises and his advice to the teachers; but, anyhow, having rejected the scheme submitted by the Commissioners, he drew up one of his own, and, without consulting them, introduced it into the House of Commons, where it had been riddled with criticism." Mr. O'Connell says that, to his mind, it seems that there is only one way of showing which of these obviously opposite views is correct. Let the Commissioners' detailed recommendations be published, together with the entire correspondence which has passed between the Board or the Resident Commissioner on the one hand, and the Chief Secretary or the Treasury on the other. With regard to Dr. Starkie's further statement—"The advice of the paid officials of the Board was never asked by Mr. Duke, and no advice was given to him from that quarter, nor from myself. . . . He conferred with some of them, as, indeed, it was necessary for him to do, about the working out of the scheme"—Mr. O'Connell says that he is unable to understand the nice distinctions which Dr. Starkie makes in this statement. Might they assume that the Resident Commissioner was one of those with whom the Chief Secretary "conferred"; and, being "almost scrupulous in his regard for the opinion of his fellow-Commissioners," that he acquainted them fully of everything that took place at these conferences? In conclusion, Mr. O'Connell put it to Dr. Foley that his assumption that the Commissioners, if consulted, would have allocated the grant very differently from the present method, coincides exactly with his lordship's own opinion.

THE AIR SERVICES EXHIBITION.

The Countess of Drogheda has arrived in Dublin with her official Air Services Exhibition, and is staying at the Viceregal Lodge. The Exhibition will be opened on December 22nd by the Lord Lieutenant at Earlsfort Garage, Hatch street.

NEW ZEALAND FORCES.

KILLED.

GABITES, Lieut. C., N.Zea.Inf., attd. N.Z. T.M.Bty.

NOW REPORTED KILLED.

LIVINGSTONE, Lieutenant A. R., N. Zea. Inf.

WOUNDED.

FOORD, Lieutenant F., New Zealand Infantry.
KENNEDY, Lieutenant H., New Zealand Infantry.
SPIERS, Second Lt. R., New Zealand Infantry.

OTHER RANKS.

IRISHMEN AND MEN IN IRISH REGIMENTS ONLY.

All are privates except where otherwise shown. The town shown against each soldier's name is the home of his next-of-kin, except when followed by the abbreviation "Enlt," when it is his place of enlistment.

KILLED.

R.F.A.—Bond, 34371 Gnr. W. (Dublin).
R. SCOTS FUS.—Kelly, 43313 F. (Belfast).
R.I. RIFLES.—Browne, 47465 P. (Limerick).
R.I. FUS.—M'Ewan, 11959 J. (Camden, New Jersey).

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED AND MISSING, NOW REPORTED KILLED.

R.I. RIFLES.—Porter, 43957 L.-Cpl. E. E. (Fulham, S.W.).

PREVIOUSLY MISSING, NOW REPORTED KILLED.

R.I. RIFLES.—Collins, 3073 D. (St. Helens).
R. DUBLIN FUS.—Sweeney, 12193 Cpl. J. (Doonaha).

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

IRISH GUARDS.—O'Shea, 3501 P. (Limerick).

WOUNDED.

R.G.A.—Behan, 128334 Gnr. J. (Kilkee); Berryman, 277225 Cpl. J. (Moneymore); Farrell, 3059 Gnr. J. (Dunmanway); Hall, 23433 Bty.-Sgt.-Maj. W. (Dublin); Holland, 139976 Gnr. J. (Cork); Murphy, 47992 Gnr. J. (Donnybrook); Powell, 36985 Sgt. P. (Cork).

NORTHUMBERLAND FUS.—Sheridan, 40845 J. (Marvan, Co. Meath).

R.E.—Diamond, 257130 Spr. J. (Randalstown); Kearney, 166063 Spr. D. (Ballinearra).

WARWICK REGT.—McCormack, 34144 Cpl. M. (Dublin).

CHESHIRE REGT.—Travers, 51269 J. (Belfast).

R.I. REGT.—Fitzgerald, 8262 O. A. (Portlaw).

SCOTTISH RIFLES.—McCulloch, 30506 A. (Newtownards).

R. MUNSTER FUS.—Ahern, 8571 D. (Youghal); Anderson, 5631 G. T. (Dublin); Austin, 3133 L.-Cpl. P. (Maesteg); Baldock, 8225 J. (Sittingbourne); Beck, 5244 D. (Belfast); Bell, 15052 F. (Manchester); Berkery, 6659 J. (Limerick); Brosnan, 436 D. (Castleisland); Bourke, 10559 Sgt. A. (Wimbledon, S.W.); Brookes, 5963 H. (Youghal); Bunce, 4441 P. (Listowel); Burke, 7055 L.-Cpl. S. (Cork); Butler, 8513 J. (Limerick); Butt, 9955 T. (Cork); Campbell, 5009 J. B. (Belfast); Carroll, 7080 P. (Athy); Carter, 5725 P. (New Thundersley); Child, 2522 L.-Cpl. J. W. (Sheffield); Cleary, 6245 W. (Bridgend); Cleaver, 2792 W. A. (Kempsford); Clifford, 6463 L.-Cpl. P. (Castlemaine); Coley, 15086 J. (Benenden); Collins, 5475 J. (Limerick); Collins, 10430 J. (Cork); Connors, 4387 T. (Waterford); Connors, 5011 J. (Ballinacurra); Considine, 6854 J. (Ennis); Corbett, 7045 M. (Newport, Mon.); Corker, 15087 A. (Barnsley); Corkery, 7519 C. (Cork); Cotter, 6743 J. (Mallow); Cotter, 10238 W. (Lombardstown); Craig, 5060 J. (Belfast); Cremin, 7833 T. (Cork, enlt.); Cullinane, 10305 J. (Cork); Daly, 4386 Cpl. J. (Cork); Daly, 5776 W. (Cork); Danaher, 6824 J. (Limerick); Davis, 5567 F. (Ennis); Davis, 14053 W. (Stoke-on-Trent); Delahunty, 5845 C. (Limerick); Dempsey, 4905 D. (Dunmanway); Denneby, 8172 C.-Sgt.-Maj. J. (Tralee); Donoghue, 4347 C. (Cork); Donovan, 1487 P. (Cloyne); Donovan, 6718 Cpl. J. (Bandon); Donovan, 6928 D. (Cardiff); Donovan, 9931 J. (Cork); Driscoll, 519 J. (Swansea); Dunlea, 4126 E. (Cork); Dwyer, 6958 H. J. (Woolwich, S.E.); Egan, 6984 L.-Cpl. P. (Manchester); Ennis, 5907 J. (Fermoy); Evans, 6426 Cpl. P. (Listowel); Fitzgerald, 6034 E. (Rusa); Fitzgerald, 6553 L.-Cpl. W. J. (Kilgarriff); Fitzgerald, 6880 T. (Ballyhahill); Fitzgerald, 8481 Cpl. M. (Midleton); Flaherty, 5001 J. (Ennistymon); Forbes, 10428 A. (Cork); Garry, 5839 P. (Lahinch); Griffen, 7097 M. (Kilkenny); Golden, 6757 E. (Fermoy); Gorman, 5153 T. (Belfast); Grant, 14076 W. (Glasgow); Green, 5737 R. A. (Enfield); Grogan, 2573 J. (Merthyr); Halloran, 8180 M. (Kenmare); Hannon, 3507 J. (Limerick); Hart, 7517 M. (Charleville); Harte, 8989 F. (Coalisland); Hayes, 4451 Cpl. J. (Tralee); Hayes, 10365 G. (Listowel); Heaphy, 5102 J. (Cork); Hennessy, 4109 T. (Dunmanway); Hills, 15111 A. J. (Faversham); Hodges, 15112 G. H. (Ashford); Holland, 10584 J. (Tallow); Holmes, 2302 L.-Cpl. T. (Hunslet); Homan, 6869 W. (Cork); Hopkins, 6034 J. (St. Helens); House, 15117 W. J. (Ashford); Howarth, 7884 Sgt. W. (Gilfach Goch); Huntley, 2592 E. (London, W.); Jacques, 6562 E. (Cork); Jervis, 9405 Cpl. S. H. (London, W.); Johnson, 6602 W. (Limerick); Johnson, 8489 Sgt. E. (Ennis); Jones, 780 J. (Llanelly); Kelly, 6112 P. (Limerick); Kelly, 5046 C. (Dublin); Kelly, 14096 M. (Lenamore); Kirby, 5963 J. (Ballylanders); Kirby, 6671 J. (Pallaskenry); Lannon, 4815 T. F. (Cardiff); Law, 1965 J. (Glasgow); Lawton, 625 C. (Oldham); Lewis, 1008 Sgt. W. T. (Cardiff); Lenihan, 6940 J. (Newmarket, Co. Cork); Lloyd, 10678 P. (Abbeyshrule); Lowcock, 2323 L.-Cpl. F. (Rawmarsh); Lowe, 2212 L.-Cpl. R. A. (Barnsley); Lynch, 6706 D. (Cork); McAuley, 6350 J. (Limerick); McCarthy, 5214 D. (Kilmallock); McCarthy, 6989 D. (Cork); McCarthy, 7006 W. (Skibbereen); McDermott, 6953 J. (Glasgow); McDonnell, 6707 L.-Sgt. C. (Larne); McEntee, 6876 T. P. (Dublin); McGarry, 674 P. (Leith); McGrath, 6355 P. (Blackburn); M'Intyre, 6917 L. (Carrigrohane); McKay, 5634 G. W. (Walworth, S.E.); McKenna, 4817 L.-Cpl. P. (Listowel); McKenna, 6899 J. (Lixnaw); McNamara, 6280 J. (Limerick); McShane, 14131 D. (Ballina); Marston, 2332 E. (Castleford); Mallon, 7906 J. (Portadown); Mellor, 14135 E. S. (Burton-on-Trent); Mills, 13018 J. (Rotherham); Moore, 1190 P. (Kildysart); Moore, 5954 L.-Sgt. L. (Killucan); Moore, 10629 J. (Fermoy); Morley, 2340 J. (Barnsley); Murphy, 4224 P. (Limerick); Murphy, 7221 C. (Cork); Nihill, 5777 J. (Miltown Malbay); Nolan, 6997 J. (Monaghan); Nugent, 9712 J. (Limerick); O'Brien, 4620 Act. L.-Cpl. J. (Cork); O'Brien, 6972 L.-Cpl. J. (Cork); O'Brien, 8091 W. (Limerick); O'Brien, 15149 J. (Cahirciveen); O'Connell, 9397 L.-Cpl. E. (Cork); O'Connor, 1407 M. (Tralee); O'Donoghue, 6624 C. (L'rick); O'Donoghue, 8897 J. (Tralee); O'Driscoll, 7021 J. (Skibbereen); O'Leary, 3419 J. (Tralee); O'Mahoney, 5275 J. (Mallow); O'Neill, 10599 J. (Mountmellick); O'Regan, 477 J. (Cloyne); O'Shea, 7717 M. (Belfast); O'Sullivan, 4369 M. (Cork); O'Sullivan, 6874 M. (Beaufort); O'Sullivan, 6626 C. (Kilmallock); Pierce, 10558 J. (Ballyduff); Plaine, 5432 S. W. (Merthyr Tydvil); Power, 10259 J. (Charleville); Preston, 2766 P. (Gorey); Quinn, 5131 P. (Belfast); Rattigan, 14170 J. (Dublin); Rawlings, 5158 Cpl. E. (Hereford); Reid, 7865 S. (Manchester); Reeves, 9095 F. W. (Walford); Reilly, 6977 C. (Glasgow); Reynolds, 2863 R. J. (Swindon); Rickson, 15072 Cpl. A. E. (Lewes); Riordan, 7276 T. (Glasgow); Roberts, 800 T. H. (Flint); Roche, 4954 W. (Cork); Ross, 5200 Sgt. J. (Baltimore); Rourke, 5653 L. (Cork); Roycroft, 6629 R. (Schull); Russell, 6221 T. (Limerick); Ryan, 4548 Sgt. M. (Doon); St. John, 6651 Cpl. P. (Miltown Malbay); Scales, 6899 S. (Miltown Malbay); Scott, 3214 C. (Little Somerford); Shanahan, 9578 P. (Borrisokane); Shannon, 6808 M. (Ennis); Sheehan, 3332 J. (Kanturk); Stafford, 5737 G. (Kilrush); Stanford, 6715 T. (Carrick-on-Shannon); Stenning, 3417 F. G. (Innis Lannon); Storrie, 700 H. (Low Blantyre); Sullivan, 9541 C. (Annascaul); Sweeney, 4321 M. (Limerick); Taylor, 2019 J. (Hertford); Textor, 18033 L.-Cpl. H. (Dublin); Trigg, 1881 W. (Cardiff); Tyrrell, 9112 Sgt. S. (Tralee); Valley, 2023 Cpl. J. (Whitehaven); Walsh, 1505 Cpl. E. (Ballylongford); Walsh, 6770 Cpl. E. (Tralee); Ward, 5760 L.-Cpl. G. M. (East Grinstead); Watson, 2487 Cpl. E. (Dewsbury); Weldon, 1227 P. (Glasgow); Whelan, 5995 P. (Limerick); White, 7009 T. (Crosshaven); Wilkinson, 5094 D. (Belfast); Woods, 6336 M. (Ennis); Yates, 1619 J. (Wigan).

R. DUBLIN FUSILIERS.—Campbell, 22687 C. (Mountmellick); McKenna, 20145 J. (Kingscourt).

LABOUR CORPS.—Beggs, 122833 J. (Belfast).

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

IRISH GUARDS.—McAuley, 11695 A. (Port Stewart).

Lieutenant H. Lee—Lieutenant H. Lee, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, the eldest son of Mr. Henry Lee, of Southminster, and husband of Mrs. Minnie Lee, South Circular road, Dublin, died of wounds on November, the 22nd.

HIBERNIAN BANK CLERKSHIPS.

Result of Nov., 1917, just announced. Successful from SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 Stephen's Green, Dublin, Messrs. J. J. Hough and M. Moroney. The only Students sent forward.—(Advt.).

THE TRACK OF THE STORM.

As a result of Sunday's storm, Dublin is cut off from all telegraphic communication with the West, South, and East of Ireland, with the exception of Bray, Greystones, Ferns, and Gorey. The North of Ireland, with the exception of Belfast—to which there is only one line of wire working—is also completely cut off. It is anticipated that considerable difficulty will be experienced in repairing the extensive damage, owing to the shortage of material and labour. As to cross-Channel telegraphic communication, there is one slow speed wire working to London, one to Manchester, and one to Glasgow, and two wires are working to Liverpool.

Yesterday further proofs of the violence of Sunday's blizzard were noticeable in Dublin and the adjoining districts. Corrugated roofing was stripped from buildings in the Cattle Market direction and iron railings were levelled on the North Circular road. Along the quays slates and other roofing materials have been torn off. Hoardings were levelled and reduced to splinters, and a quantity of packing boxes were sent adrift in the Liffey. Gable ends of exposed buildings were plastered with frozen snow, which remained unmelted yesterday. The "look-out station" on top of the Fire Brigade tower, at Brunswick street, still had a coating of snow yesterday.

The Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company expeditiously repaired their line at Ballygannon, and yesterday through traffic to Wexford was resumed. A large number of people visited Kingstown to witness the effects of Sunday's storm. The steamer which was sunk near the East Pier only showed her masts and funnel at high tide.

Canals and ponds in the Dublin district last night showed a promise of skating before long—if the frost continues. Some enclosed docks at the port bore a thin coating of ice in the evening, and in the suburbs pools of frozen water and crackling ice under foot indicated that the hopes of skaters may yet be realised.

IN THE PROVINCES.

The gale caused considerable damage to property in Cork, and wrought such widespread havoc with the telegraph wires that the Cork newspapers were cut off from Dublin and England all day on Sunday. Advertisement hoardings, trees, and roofs of old houses were blown down in all directions, while the collapse of a house in Patrick street resulted in the death of one of the occupants, Mr. William Moore, a well-known sign writer, and minor injuries to the others. Mr. Moore had just risen from his dinner and had gone into the kitchen when the gable chimney collapsed on the roof and crashed through the building until it reached the ground floor. When he was extricated from the *débris* life was found to be extinct. About twenty persons were treated at the hospitals for injuries caused by slates, masonry, glass, and from being taken off their feet by the force of the wind.

The storm caused damage to property in Limerick, and many persons were thrown down in the streets.

In the Athlone district beech trees and other ornamental timber were rooted up as if they were saplings and flung across the roads, blocking the main entrances to the town. The timber saw-mills of Messrs. Oakley, at Armsfield, were wrecked, and the roofs of several public buildings were partially carried away. Many private houses were unroofed. A peculiar incident was the sweeping away of the ivy covering on the walls of the residence of Mr. Robert English, J.P., Irishtown House. Nearly every house in the town of Athlone had one or more windows blown in. The ornamental railings and enclosure at Garrycastle Racecourse were smashed to pieces. Telegraph and telephone wires are lying all over the Midlands and the West of Ireland. From the outlying districts reports received yesterday stated that the snowfall in some places was over three feet in depth, and covered a wide radius, particularly in the Westmeath area. The most serious destruction is among farm produce. Large quantities of wheat and oats were not in the haggard, and were blown in all directions and shelled. Hundreds of tons of hay and straw were scattered like chaff, and very little of it will ever be collected. The destruction is regarded as the greatest of this generation.

In North Kildare a snowstorm raged from midnight on Saturday until an early hour on Sunday morning, when snow covered the ground to a depth of a couple of feet. Across the Curragh the sweeping storm piled the snow in places to a height of several feet, and in some instances it was impossible to pass along the roads with any vehicles. Some sheep have been found lying dead in the snow.

In North Mayo hundreds of pounds worth of hay was destroyed.

In Boyle and the surrounding districts great damage has been done to house property. Farmers have suffered considerable loss by their oats and hay stocks having been completely scattered.

Nothing like the storm has been experienced in Carrick-on-Shannon for many years. Hay sheds and other out-offices were torn out of their places, and many of them carried a long distance off. The roads in some places were impassable as a result of the number of fallen trees. Hay and oats, which were in ricks and stooks, were scattered wholesale.

At Ballymoe a large zinc hay shed was overturned and swept down the street by the gale. A shed of Mr. Henry Cahill, merchant, Castlerea, in which were stored over 20 pigs awaiting the pig fair yesterday, was overturned, but the pigs escaped.

In the Roscommon district roofs of outhouses were in many cases blown away a distance of 20 and 30 yards. Large hay sheds suffered severely; coverings were swept away, and even massive iron girders were twisted by the force of the storm. The corrugated iron enclosures of the reservoir and the Sports Field were blown down.

In the Gurteen (County Sligo) district over a dozen stacks of corn and half-a-dozen hay ricks were blown down and scattered broadcast. The dwellinghouse belonging to a man named Cryan was also blown down.

In the Newry district a party of mourners on a jaunting car ran into a snow drift, and had to dismount, and made the remainder of the journey on foot. In Kildare street, Newry, a large shop window was blown in by the gale.

LIFEBOAT RESCUES.

Exciting lifeboat rescues were made at Deal yesterday morning during a gale of exceptional violence. During the height of the storm a small British steamer in ballast, which was sheltering in the Downs with a large number of other vessels began to drag her anchors, and subsequently other vessels burned distress signals. The lifeboat was launched with great difficulty, and found some vessels drifting before the gale. She took off one crew after another, leaving the vessels derelict. In all, the lifeboat men rescued no fewer than six separate crews, a record for one morning's work.

The Secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution yesterday received telegrams from New Quay, Cornwall, stating that the lifeboat was totally wrecked in the morning after being launched on service. The crew were all saved, but three were injured.

During the week-end gale the Newbigging (Northumberland) lifeboat saved 14 men from a vessel which had gone on the rocks. The Margate lifeboat yesterday morning brought in six men from a ketch, and, going out again, returned with five men from another vessel.

THE "MESSIAH" IN ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

The Cathedral Choir will give a performance of Handel's "Messiah" to-morrow evening in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. Any persons who desire to hear this work can have tickets, upon sending a stamped and addressed envelope to the Dean's Vicar. So much has been said and written from time to time of the "Messiah" that hardly any further remarks are necessary. This much, however, is of interest on the present occasion. At the first performance of the "Messiah," on 13th April, 1742, in Fishamble street Music Hall, Handel stipulated that the two Cathedral Choirs of St. Patrick and Christ Church should assist; so that the Dublin Cathedrals are indissolubly bound up, as it were, with this great work. But the then Deans and Chapters did not like the bargain, Dean Swift, in particular, protesting against the Vicars-Choral "singing and fiddling at a club of fiddlers in Fishamble street." The objection, however, seems to have been overcome, possibly because the proceeds of the performance were to go to three great, pressing charities, of which Mercer's Hospital was the chief. By common consent the "Messiah" has been regarded as the masterpiece of musical genius, not, perhaps, by virtue of intricacy of form and construction, but by reason of its simple grandeur. Having spent the early part of his life in writing opera, Handel seems to have become dissatisfied, and to have turned his attention at last to sacred music. He himself says that "sacred music was best suited to a man descending in the vale of years." And so he laboured, with results that now abide. An authority has written—"The old work still holds on, like the 'tall rock' of the poet, its head lifted into eternal sunshine, while angry waves dash impotently against its base."

OUTRAGE IN CLARE.

A report from the Crusheen district of the County Clare states that the house of a magistrate was attacked by an armed party, who fired four gunshots into it, breaking several windows and injuring furniture. There is no apparent motive for the outrage.

BANK OF IRELAND CLERKSHIPS.

Candidates for the coming Exam. should note that Pupils of ROSSE COLLEGE, Stephen's Green, Dublin, gained 10 appointments at the last examination, and the majority of the appointments at the 5 preceding exams. First Place at 8 of the last 10 examinations.—(Advt.)

Fashionable Intelligence

The Marchioness of Waterford, who spent last week in Dublin, returned on Saturday to Curraghmore, where she will be joined this week by her son, Lord Waterford, for the holidays.

The Earl of Dunraven on leaving Dublin will go to Adare Manor, where he will spend Christmas.

Viscount Powerscourt is at present at Powerscourt, Bray. He recently returned from France on sick leave.

Lord and Lady Dunleath returned to Ballywalter Park, County Down, last week from London, where they have been for a fortnight.

Lord HolmPatrick, who is home on leave from France, arrived at Abbotstown, Castleknock, on Saturday.

Sir Henry Blake is confined to bed by a severe chill, which prevents him from going to Dublin for the Irish Convention to-day.

Lady Goff, widow of late Sir William Goff, Bart., desires in future to be addressed as Anna Lady Goff.

Mrs. Talbot, County President of the St. John Ambulance Association, has just returned to Mount Talbot from Armagh, where she opened at Portadown a very successful bazaar for "Our Day" Funds.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place early in January, between Frank Rundall Stuart, eldest son of the late Deputy Surgeon-General Thomas Edmondson Charles, M.D., K.H.P., and Nancy, younger daughter of the late Right Hon. Richard Edmund Meredith, Master of the Rolls in Ireland, and of Mrs. Meredith, of Witwood, Camberley.

The marriage arranged between George Bowring, son of the late M. J. Horgan, Clanloughlin, Cork, and Jeannie, daughter of Hugh Coyle, Norham, Orwell Park, will take place very quietly on 15th January.

The Children's Fancy Dress Dance arranged by Miss Eykyn Ward in the Gresham Hotel, December 19th, is postponed.

A delightful corner of Switzer's these days is the little alcove in the Fancy Goods Department devoted to Illuminated Lamp Shades.

Holmes' Christmas Gifts to meet all tastes, to suit all purses. Choose early for best choice. W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 George's st. Warehouse open all day Wednesday, also on Saturday next until 10 p.m.

Special line of Ladies' Shot Silk and Taffeta Underskirts, 15s. 11d. W. and O.S. sizes. See our windows.—D. Kellett, Ltd., George's street, Dublin.

Slyne and Co., Grafton street, are extending Economy Week for this week only.

Evening Gown in White Taffetas with shadow lace, cerise belt, for 3½ guineas, at Slyne and Co.'s, 71 Grafton street.

Economy Week—Grey Squirrel Coat for 10 guineas, at Slyne and Co.'s, 71 Grafton street.

Arrivals at Kingstown per Royal Mail Steamers.—Lord HolmPatrick, Lieutenant-Colonel A. T. S. Magan, Sir George Stevenson, Major P. C. Burton, Rev. E. H. Barry, Captain J. W. Moran, Countess of Rosse, Lady Dunsany, Lady B. King Tenison, General Stanton, Major Otway-Smithers, Hon. D. O. Trench, Lady Anson, Commander Perry, Hon. L. R. Flower, Hon. Mr. Wynne, Lady Redmond, Captain T. J. L'Estrange, Major Boyd, Lieutenant E. Boulger, Captain W. T. Lennon, D. Eccles, Sir W. McGeough-Bond, Georgina Lady Gore-Booth, Judge Hynes, Captain R. F. Seddall, A. Beattie, D.L., J.P., T.C.; the Solicitor-General for Ireland, M.P.; Lieutenant H. V. Manly, Captain E. T. Whitehead, Lord Dunsany, J. Cramsie, F. Wynne, Mr. and Mrs. C. D'Olier, R. Simkin, R. Randel, Mr. and Mrs. D. Lawlor, D. S. Prentice, W. Foster, D. M. Cathcart, E. Tyndall, F. Tyndall, E. Chance, D. O'Connor, P. Casey, J.P.; H. Campbell, J.P.; N. Glen, W. J. Rossiter, W. K. Turnbull, A. J. D. Henry, W. S. MacPherson, T. B. Hobbs, P. Bottomley, P. Donovan, W. Bland, R. R. Rosevease, G. P. Maxwell, A. Turley, C. W. Gore, C. H. Ward, R. R. Kennan, E. Ievers, G. Eccles, J. J. Bradshaw, C. Fetherstonhaugh, J. A. Taylor, S. J. K. Roycroft, Horace Wheatley, B. Rutherford, Miss M. Chambers, Mr. Cramsie, Miss J. M. Gordon, Miss N. Patchell, Miss R. Woods, Miss E. Lester, Miss H. B. Dooley, Miss R. Martin, Mrs. J. Simkin, Miss J. T. Wells, Miss Hanphill, Miss D. Wells, Miss T. M. Glen, Miss Jennings, Miss Booth, Miss F. Denys, Miss M. Maffett, Miss J. Hewson, Miss M. Bolster, Miss O. P. Maxwell, Miss M. de Montmorency, Miss J. Walpole, Miss M. McConnell, Miss N. McConnell, Mrs. Browne-Clayton, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. H. Mooney, Mrs. H. Warren, Mrs. H. M. Hayes, Joseph Isaacs, J.P., T.C.; Mrs. F. M. Low, F. P. Maxwell, Miss Kemmis, Mrs. Morley, Mrs. Whitehead.

Departures from Kingstown per Royal Mail Steamers.—Dr. Dowdall, Captain E. W. P. Newman, Colonel Jameson Davis, Lieutenant-Colonel C. S. Lowndes, Captain W. E. S. Howard, R.I.R.; Captain Henn, Captain H. A. P. Neaton, Lieutenant Charles MacDermott, Lieutenant L. G. Cogan, Lieutenant H. Darling, Lieutenant C. H. Ffolliott, Lieutenant S. W. K. Crawford, Viscount Iveagh, Colonel Kirk, Captain and Mrs. Darley, Captain G. L. Campbell, Colonel J. McClintock, Major Richards, Major F. G. Davis, Andrew Beattie, D.L., J.P.; T. Phillips, V. Browne, C. E. Gray, W. M. Curtis, R. K. L. Kennedy, J. Budgen, Mr. Hopwood, J. T. Duffy, J. Van Houghten, W. Gilligan, Mr. and Mrs. Guerin, Wm. R. Twitchett, N. Ormsby-Scott, J. A. Williams, J. Kelleher, D. Dunlea, Miss L. Rice, Miss G. Wilson, Mrs. Frazer-Harvey, Miss McClintock, Sister E. E. McComb, Miss N. M. Martin, Miss K. McNally, Miss E. Delany, Miss E. Knox-Carpendale, Mrs. K. Groome, Mrs. C. Holmes Denham, Mrs. Sadler, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Lloyd-Blood, Miss Tisdall, Mrs. S. M. Jones, Miss E. Wiltshire, Mrs. W. Dudgeon, Mrs. Lennox-Conyngham, F. V. Kennedy.

Now Open—Grand Christmas Bazaar at McBirney's.

Brown, Thomas and Co.—Special Displays of Christmas Gifts. See Windows and Showrooms.

The Georgian House, 45 St. Stephen's Green. Charming Objets d'Art for Christmas Gifts.

"EXTREMELY PLEASANT, AND I PREFER IT." —Lady C. Hobart-Hampden writes—"The 'ALBION MILK AND SULPHUR SOAP' is extremely pleasant, and I prefer it to any other I have ever tried." Delightful at Toilet and Bath—pure, refreshing, delicately perfumed. Sold by Chemists, Grocers, etc.

37/6—Black Silk Sports Coats.—Davis and Co. are clearing at their Removal Sale these goods, which are worth to-day 45/6. Only a very limited stock.—35 Exchequer street.

Superfluous Hair Permanently Removed. Fifteen years' complete success. Lotion. Consultation.—Prof. Kennedy, 204 Gt. Brunswick street, Dublin.

DUBLIN AND DISTRICT.

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The Liberation of Palestine.—Lecturing last evening at the Parochial Hall, Rathmines, on the liberation of Palestine, Rev. E. H. L. Crosby showed a modern map of the country used by the Army, and never before allowed to be shown in public. The Army, he said, owed a great deal to the Palestine Exploration Fund, and to Lord Kitchener for his work of exploration. Napoleon was reported to have said that the man who held the Joppean highlands was master of the world, for Palestine was the door to Asia and the fortress of Africa. The lecturer said that history was always repeating itself in the direction in which Palestine was invaded, whether by the Egyptians, the Greeks under Alexander, the Crusaders under Richard Cœur de Lion, or the French under Napoleon, and proceeded to trace the progress of British troops by way of Gaza, which had a wonderful history of adventure. He spoke from knowledge gained during two visits to Palestine. The proceeds of the lecture, which was illustrated by lantern views, were for the Syria and Palestine Relief Fund. There was a good attendance.

Entertainment to Wounded Soldiers.—On Saturday afternoon the staff and pupils of Rosse College, St. Stephen's Green, entertained, in the Molesworth Hall, a party of wounded soldiers, numbering about fifty, from Baggot street, Eye and Ear, and St. Vincent's Hospitals. An extremely pleasant afternoon was spent. As a preliminary, each of the guests was given a liberal supply of cigarettes. Songs were given by Miss G. Andrews (accompanied by Miss Kenny), Miss N. Ryan, Miss L. Prothero, Mr. C. Eaton (accompanied by Mr. I. Bradshaw, Mr. Thornton), and Mr. Alfred Gaynor, all of which were highly appreciated. A vocal duet, "Night of Stars," was excellently rendered by Miss Ryan and Mr. Eaton. Among the most pleasing items of the programme were two dances by Miss Stapleton, a dancer of very tender years, who displayed remarkable grace and skill. After tea, various competitions, some of a novel description, were organised, the prizes in most cases being quarter-pounds of tobacco. There was also a drawing for prizes of cigarette cases and holders, pouches, match boxes, writing cases, pocket books, diaries, etc., the most satisfactory feature of which was that it was on the principle of "all prizes and no blanks." The proceedings concluded with thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly sung, or otherwise entertained the guests, and with the singing of the National Anthem. It may be mentioned that the pupils of Rosse College subscribed to this entertainment so liberally, both in money and eatables, that a handsome balance remained, which will be handed over to the Soldiers' Buffet at the North Wall.

DUBLIN CENTRAL MISSION.

Appeal on Behalf of the Poor.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Last year, through the kindness of our friends, we were enabled to entertain 800 children at a Christmas treat, and also to provide clothing and toys for several hundreds of the most needy. In addition, we were able to send parcels of Christmas cheer to many of the sick and aged poor, and to keep the fire burning on many hearths by gifts of free or cheap coal. Nor do our efforts end with Christmas; right through the year our Mission sisters are ministering to the sick and needy and to the helpless little ones.

This year a larger number than ever of the sad-faced children of tenement and court, and of the sick and aged poor, look to us to bring them their share of Christmas joy, and keen is their anxiety lest, amid the multiplicity of pressing appeals, their needs should be overlooked. Present conditions are making their lot more difficult than ever, many who never knew the pinch of want experiencing it for the first time.

We appeal to the readers of the *Irish Times* to help us to make Christmas a reality for those who, without such help, will "have winter, but no Christmas," by sending a donation for this work to our Mission Treasurer, Mr. J. R. Coade, J.P., Dun Griffan, Sydney parade, Dublin, or to me. Cast-off clothing, boots, etc., will be most gratefully received.—Yours, etc.,

(Rev.) JOHN N. SPENCE.

George's Hall, South George's street, Dublin,
December 17th, 1917.

AUSTRALIAN REINFORCEMENTS REFERENDUM.

A notice in our advertising columns to-day states that all officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Australian Imperial Force now in Ireland may record their votes on the Commonwealth reinforcements *referendum* at the Central Hotel, Exchequer street, Dublin, between 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 19th inst., and 8 p.m. on Thursday, 20th inst., when the poll closes. The returning officer for Ireland is Major J. C. Selmes, D.S.O., Australian Imperial Force.

IRISH DISTRESSED LADIES' FUND.

A meeting of the Irish Executive Committee of the Irish Distressed Ladies' Fund was held at 4 Kildare street, on Friday, 14th instant. The Right Hon. William D. Andrews, P.C., Chairman, presided, there being also present—Mr. Justice Ross, P.C.; the Lady HolmPatrick, Miss Butler, Miss McDonnell, Miss Tottenham, Lady Morris, Miss Croker, Mrs. Whyte, of Loughbrickland; Miss Ryan, Mr. Charles H. Chaytor, Lieut.-Colonel the Lord Frederick FitzGerald, and Mr. William Robertson (Hon. Treasurer).

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Correspondence with the London Committee was read.

The Secretary reported the receipt of the following county collections, when the cordial thanks of the Committee were directed to be conveyed for the same:—

	£	s.	d.
Co. Clare (per the Hon. Mrs. Blood)....	20	6	0
Co. Kerry (per Miss Louisa Palmer)...	30	18	0
Co. Sligo (per Lady Crofton)	3	15	0
Co. Carlow (per Miss Beryl Thomas)..	20	0	0

Pensions for January were sanctioned to the extent of £34. Claims were considered, when cheques in connection with same were granted amounting to £28 3s., when the Committee adjourned.

Households of STAYERS

The primary support of man may well be called the "man-stay"—the mainstay of existence. Bread is often supposed to occupy this position.

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WAR NOTICES AND APPEALS.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS' RECEPTION FUND.

Managed by a Joint Committee of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, and of the Irish Automobile Club, 34 Dawson street, Dublin.

MONTHLY LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS, ETC.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. H. MacCarthy	1	1	0
Mrs. Watson	0	17	4
Mr. J. F. O'Mahony (Millown Malbay)	0	11	0
Mr. W. O. Ringwood (Bantry)	0	10	0
Mr. H. Pratt Wight (Birr)	0	5	0
Mr. F. Moynihan (Newcastle West)......	0	2	6
Per Miss A. Stewart—Dr. G. J. Goldie, Messrs. H. Winder, J. Ardagh, and J. Hudson, 5/- each; Miss Hutton, "Anon.," 2/- each; the Misses Latimer, 1/3	1	8	3
COLLECTING BOXES.			
Per Mrs. Aston—Mrs. Aston, 14/1½; Messrs. McBirney and Co., 4/11½	0	19	1
Per Mr. E. H. and Miss Bermingham—Grosvenor Hotel, 12/7; Four Courts Hotel, 7/11½; ditto, 9/7½; Messrs. Fuller, Grafton street, £1 3/10½; Princess Café, 16/2½; Theatre Royal, Dress Circle, £1 2/5; Messrs. Leverett and Frye, Grafton street, 17/3; D.B.C., Westmoreland street, 12/8; Hyne's Restaurant, 12/7; Burlington Restaurant, per Miss Murphy, 16/6; ditto, per Miss Ryan, 11/9; Dolphin Hotel, 6/10.	8	10	3
Per Mrs. Fleming—Miss Healy, Terenure road, 6/-	0	6	0
Per Miss Gillmer—Messrs. Edmond Johnson, 4/1½; Scotch Wool House, £1 1/4½	1	6	6
Per Mrs. Legg—Drumcondra P.O., per Miss Brennan, 16/6; Mr. Desmond Legg, 3/11½	1	0	5½
Per Miss Lundy—Messrs. Forrest and Sons, 3/8½; Princess Picture House, Rathmines, 6/8; ditto, 6/11; "Butter Creams, Ltd.," 7/3½; Messrs. Hayes, Conyngham, and Robinson, Grafton street, 16/2½; Café Cairo, 8/4; Picture House, Rathmines Town Hall, 5/3	2	14	4½
Per Mrs. Watson—L. and N.W.R. Refreshment Room, North Wall, per Miss Smith, 14/11½	0	14	11½
Per Miss Whittaker—Gresham Hotel, 6/10; Messrs. Johnston and Co., Nassau street, 6/4; Messrs. Hamilton, Long, and Co., Grafton street, 7/9; Messrs. Wm. Bolton and Co., 7/5½	1	8	4½
Per Mrs. Maginn (Ballina)—Bank of Ireland House, and Moy Hotel...	1	5	0
Per Managers of undernamed banks—Hibernian—Dublin, Lower Sackville street, 2/7	0	2	7
National—Belfast, 8/-; Castlerea, 3/9; Dingle, 1/-; Kanturk, 5d.; Kells, 7/-; Killarney, 10/-; Headford, 10/6; Roscrea, 4d....	2	1	0
Northern—Bailieborough, 3/-; Clones, 9/6; Fivemiletown, 11/3; Mohill, £1 15/4; Raphoe, Co. Donegal, 13/6; Strokestown, 7/6; Virginia, 10/10	4	10	11
Provincial—Ballyshannon, 3/6; Carrick-on-Shannon, 10/6; Kilrush, 2/-; Tralee, 7/5	1	3	5
Ulster—Castlepollard, 6/-; Edenderry, £1 15/-; Naas, 10d.....	2	1	10
Per Stationmasters—G.N.R., Lisburn, 8/1; Londonderry Sta., 6/5	0	14	6
Juvenile Home Collecting Boxes, per Mrs. S. H. Douglas—Miss E. Bill's circle, 3/-; Miss Bill's (Blackrock), £1 6/6; Miss Costello's (Tullamore), 14/-; Miss Douglas', 2/6; Miss M. Green's, 15/4½; Mrs. Guy's, 9/5; Mrs. Maginn's (Ballina), 15/-; Miss McCullagh's, 6/6; Miss O'Donnell's, Oct., 8/6, Nov., 6/6; Miss D. Roper's, Oct., 2/-, Nov., 2/-; Miss Ida Smith's, £1 2/6; Miss Stewart's (Waterford), 12/2; Miss E. Taylor's, 17/3; Miss M. Tisdall's, £1; Master C. Atkinson, 2/8; Sandford Girls' Training Corps, per Capt. E. Harvey-Robinson, Oct., 10/3½, Nov., 17/0½	10	13	2½

Flags—Mrs. Lundy.
Flowers—Mrs. Browne, Mr. T. W. Bewley, Mr. L. L. Dix.
Pears—Mr. Bewley.
Plants—Mr. Robb.

Special Fund for Soldiers' Teas.—Mrs. Beatty, 5/-; Miss Bermingham, 3/-; Mrs. Bowers, 1/-; Mrs. Coghill, 1/-; Mrs. Fry, 1/-; Mrs. Gillmer, 6d.; Mrs. Kerr, 2/; Miss Legg, 1/-; Miss Lundy, 1/-; Miss E. Lundy, 1/-; Mrs. Mooney, 1/-; Miss Nichols, 1/-; Mr. H. Shaw, Oct., 2/6, Nov. 2/6, Dec. 2/6; Mrs. Tapply, 1/-.

The figures given below indicate approximately the number of soldiers and sailors assisted in the ways mentioned by means of this fund DURING THE THREE YEARS, OCTOBER, 1914, TO OCTOBER, 1917; but individual attention has been shown to wounded men in numberless other ways.

25,000 have received BREAKFASTS at North Wall on arrival in Ireland.

2,800 more, who travelled via Kingstown, have received MEALS on the Mail Boat or on Mail Trains.

3,300 Meals and 800 Beds have been provided at Soldiers' Clubs, etc.

6,000 have been given TEA at North Wall before leaving Ireland.

Dublin, 17th December, 1917.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' REFRESHMENT BUFFETS.

The returns for last week at the Dublin buffets were 14,894 men. Since the buffets were opened 906,315 men have been given refreshments. The following gifts have been received:—Mrs. Jeardie, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Barron, Mrs. Kielr, Mrs. C. Little, Miss Dobbs, Miss French, Mrs. A. Hamilton, Mrs. Aston, Miss Knaggs, Miss O'Neill Hon. Mrs. Smythe, Mrs. McDermott, "A Friend," Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Jacob, potted meat; Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Cole Greville, Mrs. Cairns, Miss Milward Jones, Miss Bridge, Miss Scott, Mrs. Bailey, cheese; Mrs. Reid, tea; Major Cusack, 30lbs. tea; Major Cusack, butter; Mrs. Reid, margarine; Miss Mabel Atkinson, 20lbs. jam; the G.S.W.R. Volunteer Corps, 98lbs. jam; "A Friend," Miss Waller, apples; Mr. Harchel, Mrs. Cole Greville, brawn; Mrs. Mannix, Miss H. Vernon, cigarettes; Miss Reilly, Mrs. Ossory Fitzpatrick, brown bread; Miss King, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Gordon, cake; Mrs. Cole Greville, salmon; Miss Reilly, knives.

HUGH D. PACK BERESFORD.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS COMMITTEE (IRISH BRANCH).

5 Molesworth Street, Dublin.

The Hon. Secretaries appeal for funds to carry on the work of supplying fresh fruit and vegetables to our sailors of the Grand Fleet and to Irish Naval Bases. Cheques should be made payable to Mr. D. L. Ramsay, Hon. Treasurer, and all particulars as to gifts of produce will be gladly furnished by the Hon. Secretaries.

KILLARNEY GUARDIANS' FEAR OF CONSCRIPTION.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Killarney Board of Guardians, the following resolution was, on the motion of Mr. Hegarty, seconded by Mr. T. O'Leary, adopted:—

"Resolved—That we tender our sincere thanks to Father O'Farrell, P.P., Ardagh, Co. Longford, for his letter in the Press, in which he brings under public notice the manner in which young Irishmen are being conscripted in the U.S.A., and, after a few months' training, rushed to the Western front." The resolution also called on the parish priests in Ireland to oppose conscription.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, MONDAY.

WHEAT on spot dull and nominal.

	This Year.	Last Year	This Season.	Last Season
WHEAT.				
Receipts—Western Ports.	830	1415	124263	237440
CORN.				
Receipts—Western Ports	835	1031	65164	94 29

Wheat—No. 2 red winter, spot, nominal; No. 3 hard winter, spot, nominal.

CORN opened easy at ½c. reduction, and further receded owing to beneficial weather for crop-moving, favourable Argentine reports, larger country offerings, lower cash markets, outsiders holding off, and selling by commission houses and Armour interests. The downward movement was checked in the final dealings, some covering operations effecting a partial rally, and the market closed barely steady at ½c. to ⅜c. fall.

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
To-day	124⅞	121	118⅞
Previous day	123	121⅞	119⅞

OATS easy, ⅜c. to ½c. lower.

	Dec.	May.
To-day	74⅞	71¼
Previous day	75¼	72

PROVISIONS opened firm, and advanced generally throughout on firmer hogs, buying by the local operators and commission houses, and covering of short accounts. The buying movement was started by the theory that it was time to work for a reaction, and the market closed firm, with lard 25 to 37½, pork 70, and ribs 30 to 37½ points higher.

LARD—

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
To-day	24.23	23.80	24.10
Previous day	24.00	23.47½	23.72½

PORK—

	Jan.	May.
To-day	45.00	44.60
Previous day	44.30	43.90

RIBS—

	Jan.	May.
To-day	23.65	24.10
Previous day	23.35	23.72½

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To-day	23.75	24.50	15.35	16.09	15.60	16.09
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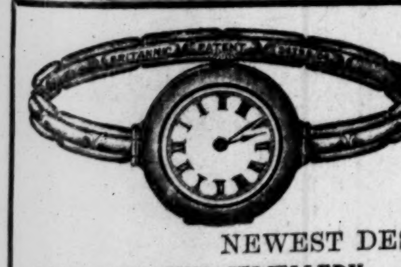

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E.A.A.

THE House of Lords yesterday unanimously reversed the judgment of the Court of Session in Scotland, and decided that the North British Railway Company were within their rights in letting 17 acres of ground at Seafield, Kirkcaldy, to the Fife Coal Company, with power to sink a coal pit therein.

COMPANY NOTICES.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY (IRELAND).

CONSOLIDATED FOUR PER CENT. DEBENTURE STOCK,
AND
CONSOLIDATED FOUR PER CENT. GUARANTEED STOCK.

Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Registers of the above Stocks in this Company will be Closed from TUESDAY, the 1st day of January, 1918, to MONDAY, the 14th day of January, 1918, both days inclusive.

T. MORRISON, Secretary.
Secretary's Office, Amiens street Terminus,
Dublin, 17th December, 1917.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Ulster Bank, Ltd.—A circular letter has been sent to shareholders, dated 13th inst., which refers to the circular letters of 15th October and 28th November, and states:—"We have now been informed by the London County and Westminster Bank, Ltd., that after 31st inst. they cannot entertain any further applications for conversion of shares in this bank on the terms stated in our letter of 15th October. You will, therefore, see the necessity of your executing the transfers of your shares at once, if you desire to take advantage of the offer of the London County and Westminster Bank."

Mr. F. Dudley Docker, M.P., of the Metropolitan Carriage, Waggon, and Finance Company's Board, has joined the directorate of the British Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, following the financial interest taken by the former in the latter company, whose American-held shares the Metropolitan Company lately acquired.

The transfer books of the Great Northern Railway Company's Debenture Stock and Guaranteed Stock will be closed from Tuesday, 1st January, to Monday, 14th January, both days inclusive.

FINANCIAL NEWS

DUBLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

MARKETS QUIET AND IRREGULAR. DUBLIN DISTILLERS GOOD.

DUBLIN, MONDAY EVENING.

The approaching holidays increased the tendency to do very little on the Stock Exchange until after the turn of the year, so consequently business to-day on 'Change was circumscribed in all directions. The features were the strength of Dublin Distillers Ord. and the dulness of Dunlop issues, though in the latter case the main difficulty was apparently the temporary absence of buying orders, as sellers declaring were few and orders small. The Funds were easy in tone. Consols fell ⅛, and War Loan 5 p.c. 1/16, but War Loan 4½ p.c. was steady. Land Stocks and India issues were idle all day. Corporation Stocks also failed to quote.

The tone and tendency of Breweries and Distilleries was satisfactory on an increase in supporting orders. Guinness Ord. closed ⅛ better, and the Pref. were bid for. Dublin Distillers issues continued the rally that set in at close of last week. The Ord. closed 2s. better at 55s., with earlier dealing at 54s. 9d.

BANK OF IRELAND DISCOUNT, 5 P.C.
BANK OF IRELAND DEPOSIT, 2½ P.C.

BUSINESS DONE:—

Consols	......(54½) 54⅝	Alliance Gas	...(5 7/16) *5½
4½% War Ln.	...(99½) 99½	McBirney	...(80/-) 79/9
5% Do.	......(93 7/16) 93⅜	Calico Print.	(15/4½) 15/6
Dublin Dist.	(53/-) 54/9-55/-	Coats	........(6 9/16) *6⅞
Marconi America	..23/6	Do. 6% Pref.	......11½
G.S. & W. Rly.	(74½) 74⅜	French Dunlop	(19/10½) 20/-
Do. Deb.	......(82) 82½	Sew. Cotton.	(55/1½) *55/-
M.G.W. Ord.	(28½) 28¼h 28⅜a	Millar Beatty	(52/6) 55/-
Do. 4½% Deb.	...(74½) 75	White Tomk.	(27/3) 26/9
Bandon Pf.	.....(60) 62a	Findlater	...(13/6) *13/-
Parent Tyre	(24/10½) 24/7½-9	Hugh Moore	(10/1½) 10/1½
Do. Pref.	...(15/4½) *15/3	*Irish Times* 1st Pref.	(74/4½) 75/-

*Odd lot.

Last business done in parentheses.

LONDON STOCK MARKETS QUIET.

DEARER MONEY PROSPECTS.

(FROM OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, MONDAY.

The Stock Exchange started the week without any material change. Markets remained improved in view of the general military situation. The flow of investment into existing securities still tends rather to contract than expand, though Throgmorton street, after a careful analysis of national finance figures, in the light of Mr. Bonar Law's statement last week, is by no means pessimistic regarding the general financial outlook. Among gilt-edged securities the possibility of dearer money with the approach of the year-end was an additional factor of caution. Quotations in this section moved narrowly either way. The 5 p.c. War Loan did not vary, while the 4½ p.c. Loan rose ⅛ to 99½. There was a fall of 3/16 to 84⅝, however, in the 3½ p.c. Loan, and Consols weakened ¼ to 54⅜. Among the rank and file of gilt-edged securities there was little quotable movement. Indian Government issues came in for a moderate share of attention, and the 4 p.c. Tax-Compounded War Loan was active around 100½. There was a moderate turnover in the 2¾ p.c. Irish Land Loan around 53½, but the 3 p.c. Loan was quiet.

ALLIED BONDS IRREGULAR.

In the Foreign market Allied Bonds were checkered. French Fives eased ⅛ to 78⅝, after being higher, but there was further buying of 4½ p.c. Bonds on Sinking Fund account, and the quotation at 98½ was another ½ to the good. Russians were quiet and rather nominal at previous levels, but their tone was heavy. Spanish Fours were advanced a point to 107. Among South Americans Brazilians held steady.

HOME RAILS FLAT.

The Home Railway market was not influenced by Friday's foreign trade figures either way. Business was of the most slender proportions, and quotations backed and filled within restricted limits. Among the Trunk and Trade Stocks, North-Westerns at 89½ and Great Westerns at 83¾ were each slightly better; but North-Eastern Consols, after some fluctuation, left off ¼ down at 95½. Great Central issues lacked firmness. Taff Vales were put back ½ to 53. Passenger Stocks marked time. Districts were ½ lower, but they closed without variation at 15½. The Scotch group remained slow.

AMERICANS WEAK.

In the American market, Americans were weak. Local trading was negligible, and the tone was dull in sympathy with New York, which is unable apparently to take a turn for the better in the face of domestic financial requirements and international worries. There were many fractional falls on parity, but on balance the only net change was a fall of ½ to 9 in Denver Common.

CANADIANS BETTER AND MEXICANS DULL.

Canadian Pacifics were firm around 160, but with little business to report. Grand Trunk Stocks recorded several further recoveries of ⅛ to ½ on the news that the new issue had been fully subscribed. Mexican Rails flattened afresh, closing a point lower all round. Brazilian Rails were quiet and uninteresting. Among Argentine Rails there were occasional falls of ½.

INDUSTRIALS IRREGULAR.

Business among Miscellaneous and Industrial securities was confined to a few specialities, and the general tone was irregular. The best feature was the strength of Union and Smiths Bank and National Provincial Bank Shares on the amalgamation proposals. The former jumped over 4 to 28½. National Provincials, though firm, were not actually higher at 31½. Marconis were quiet. The Marine Shares rose 6d. to 51/-. Breweries were quieter and Allsopp Pref. fell back 1 to 40 on a decline of dividend hopes. In the Shipping group Prince Lines were the most active feature, and they closed strong around 6 5/16. P. and O. Def. recovered 3 to 325½. Royal Mails were brisk, but unaltered. Among Supply issues, Liptons were without further change at 1 3/16 on the 8 p.c. interim dividend, and the announcement of a further increase in the company's turnover. Iron and Steel Shares dropped 3d. to 6d. in places. Curtis and Harvey, among Explosive descriptions, were back to 2 3/16.

MINING MARKET QUIET.

There was no change in the Mining market, where the prevailing tone was dull, both buying and selling operations being within the narrowest compass. There was nothing in Johannesburg advices to enliven the South African groups, and Russians were irregular. Westralians ruled steady, without animation. Copper and Tin specialities were spottily cheerful. The quotation for tin metal rose 10/- per ton.

RUBBER SHARES DULL.

The price of rubber was better at 2/4 per lb. Business was very scanty, but the tone was steady until the late afternoon, when a fresh drop in the price of Anglo-Dutch to 29/9 sellers had a disheartening effect. Java Investment weakened in sympathy to 27/9. Bah Lias lower at 33/6, and a few Bandar Sumatra offered at 46/9. Bukit Sembawangs, on the other hand, hardened a trifle to 3/3. Carey United were not better than 45/-, and Eastern Sumatra were changing hands around 2/6½. Johore Rubber Lands declined slightly to 33/6, but Jeram harder, with buyers up to 62/6. London Asiatic a firm spot amidst the general dulness, and the price improved to 8/10½. Mooply Valley were done at 44/-, Perak showed improvement at 7/6 x.d., and Pegoh 58/- bid. Pilmoor easier at 50/6, but Rubber Trust steady at about 28/-. Sumatra Consols changed hands down to 55/-, but Tandjong showed firmness, with buyers just under 87/6. United Sua Betong lower at 70/-, but United Serdang recovered to 10/9 bid. There was no particular change amongst Borneo Shares, but prices inclined to harden.

[Owing to the breakdown of the telegraphs, we are unable to publish our usual tables of closing prices and the business done.]

OIL SHARES STEADY.

Shell Pref. rose 1/16 to 9 1/16. Burmahs developed renewed strength, rallying ⅛ to 7⅜. Anglo-Egyptian "B" Shares, at 26/-, were 6d. better. North Caucasians further dropped to 5/16, however, and the rest of the Russian group was unsteady.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

Bank Rate (changed April 5) .... 5 p.c.

Call money was usable around 4 p.c. throughout. There was no change in the rate for weekly fixtures at 4½ p.c. A small sum totalling about £100,000 was disbursed in dividends. The steadiness of loan conditions and expectations that conditions may further stiffen up as the end of the year approaches rendered the tone of the discount market very cautious again. Takers of short-dated bank drafts were not eager at 4½ p.c., and the rate for longer-dated maturities was firm at the same level. A further parcel of the Italian credit bills, recently arranged for at 4½ p.c., was placed here to-day. Quotations for short-dated Treasury bills and trade paper were without change.

The New York exchange held at 4.76⅛ to 4.76 7/16. Silver was quiet and dull.

The following foreign exchange rates were current:—Paris cables, 27.23 to 27.25; Amsterdam cables, 10.85 to 10.90; Italy cables, 39.08 to 39.30; Madrid cables, 19.70 to 19.75; Petrograd cables, 368 to 373; Rio de Janeiro ninety days' bills 15½.

BIRMINGHAM CYCLE SHARE MARKET BETTER.

Business good, and prices generally better. Rudges still recovering; Enfield and Rovers improved; Darracqs and Stars weakened; Parent issues steady.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Belsize	27	6	Rudges	48	0
Components	24	9	Singers	56	0
Do. Def.	26	0	Stars	20	3
Do. Pref.	27	3	Sunbeam........	77	6
Darracq	32	6	Swift	23	0
Dennis	35	6	Triumph	38	0
Enfields	32	0	Parent Ord.	24	9
Humber	19	1½	Do. Def.	48	6
Do. Pref	14	9	Dunlop	88	0
Premiers........	1	9	Do. Pref.	19	10½
Rolls Royce ...	60	0	Small Arms	51	0
Rovers	59	0	Vulcan	65	6

BELFAST STOCK EXCHANGE

BUSINESS DONE:—

Northern Bank. Co. A.	*5	Lever Bros. 6% Cum C Pref.	........20/4½
Ulster Bank	..12 3/16 *12⅛	Vulcanite 5% Cum.Pf.	18/9
Davidson 5% Deb.	91	White Tomk. Ord.	..27/-
Fairbairn, Lawson, Ord.	.........*15/6	War Loan 5%	....93 7/16 ½
"Irish News"	......*5/-		

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A Reuter's Madrid telegram, dated Sunday, states that the funeral service over the remains of Senor Azcarate, ex-President of the Senate, was attended by an extraordinarily large number of people.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

IRISH CATHOLIC CHURCH PROPERTY INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.—Usual dividend at the rate of 5 per cent., free of income tax, for the year 1917 (this being the maximum dividend allowed by the articles of association).

MAKUM (ASSAM) TEA.—6d. per share, less income tax (interim).

BANTARDAWA RUBBER.—Dividend of 10 per cent.

RIO CLARO RAILWAY AND INVESTMENT.—Final dividend of 3 per cent. on the Ordinary Stock.

THE BODEGA.—Interim dividend of 2½ per cent. actual (2/6 per share) on the £5 fully-paid shares and of 2/- per share on the £4 paid shares.

KELANTAN RUBBER.—Total balance at the credit of profit and loss of £13,464. This the directors recommend should be carried forward.

COMMERCIAL BREWERY.—10 per cent. (20/- per share) on Ordinary Shares (interim). Last year, 6 per cent.

BEESTON BREWERY.—11 per cent. (11/- per share) on Preference Shares on account of arrears, leaving 7 per cent. in arrear; £1,403 forward.

A. J. WHITE.—2 per cent. (2 2-5d. per share), less income tax, on Ordinary Shares for half-year (interim).

WATERLOW AND SONS.—Further dividend of 10 per cent. on the Deferred Ordinary Shares and a bonus of 1 per cent. (making 16 per cent.).

BREWERS' SUGAR.—12 per cent. 24/- per share), free of income tax, on Ordinary Shares for year.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE.—Further interim dividend of 4/6 per share, payable, less tax, on 1st proximo, in respect of the Six per cent. Participating Preference Shares.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH LAW LIFE ASSURANCE.—Half-yearly dividend (including interim dividend) to 31st instant at the rate of 6/3 per annum per share (£3 10/- paid), free of tax.

VULCANITE.—Dividend for the year ended 31st October on the Ordinary Shares at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, less income tax, and a bonus of 6d. per share, free of tax.

BENUE (NORTHERN NIGERIA) TIN.—Dividend of 2/- per share, free of income tax, 6d. of which dividend will be applied in extinguishing the liability of 6d. per share now existing, thus making the shares fully paid up.

MOND NICKEL.—At rate of 7 per cent. per annum on the Cumulative and Non-Cumulative Preference Shares, and 1/- per share on the Ordinary Shares, on account of the year ending 30th April, 1918.

LIPTON.—Interim dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum on Ordinary, against nothing a year ago. The directors report a further satisfactory increase in turnover. For the whole of 1916-17 the dividend was 7½ per cent.

NYASSA COMPANY.—The accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1916, show a loss of £30,582, which increases the debit balance to be carried forward to £129,126, in addition to which there is an exchange adjustment account of £26,934. Last year, loss of £33,515.

PROVINCIAL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

The 60th ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the company was held at the company's offices, Moorgate street Chambers, Moorfields, London, E.C., on Saturday, to receive the directors' report and statement of accounts; to pass the necessary resolutions as to the payment of dividends; to consider a resolution (of which notice had been given) voting the directors the sum of £600 as extra remuneration for the past year; to consider, and, if approved, to pass, a resolution authorising the payment of the income tax on the directors' fees; and to transact the ordinary general business of the company. Mr. Andrew Beattie, D.L., J.P., the Chairman of the company, presided.

Mr. J. Barber Glenn (the Secretary) read the notice calling the meeting, and the report of the auditors.

The Chairman, in moving the first resolution, said that the managing director desired him to make his apology that, owing to the depletion of staff in the head office, and also, from the same cause, in the auditors' office, there had been a delay of about three weeks in the holding of that meeting, and in the payment of the dividend. Mr. Glenn's chief clerk, to their great regret, died in April last, and the junior was at the front in France, and many others of the staff were loyally serving King and country. (Cheers.) Continuing, he said that the directors were glad to be able to give such a good account of their stewardship, and the year under review was certainly the best that they had had in the history of the company, so far as traffic receipts were concerned, for it showed an increase of £951 over the previous year. The net profit, however, was not quite so great, and there were several reasons for that, including increases in the maintenance of rolling stock, coal and oil, wages, maintenance of electrical equipment, rates and taxes, and even passengers' tickets, totalling in all £5,907, and plus the insurance against air raid and bombardment of £389, a grand total of £6,296. To give them an instance of the difficulties that the directors had had to contend with, he pointed out that at one place alone, Plymouth, they had a decrease of £3,134 in the receipts, and an increase of £1,016 in the rates—a total of £4,150. The excess profits duty for 1915 was £5,275 8s., and for 1916 £13,641, making a total of £18,926 8s., and, if they added the increase of £6,296 already referred to, they had a total of £25,222. The reserve fund was now £102,000, and they had £40,000 mainly invested in Government securities. The transfer to reserve and depreciation accounts was £10,000, and the transfer to reserve for third party insurance, excess profits duty, or other purposes, £3,000. The past year had been a very difficult time for tramways, and especially in the provincial towns of England. Any material wanted, however small—iron, steel, or wood—required a permit from the Ministry of Munitions to secure it, and they much appreciated what had been done by all their managers, viz.:—Mr. H. L. White, at Grimsby; Mr. J. Feraday Glenn, at Portsmouth, Gosport, and Horndean; Mr. G. H. Morton, at Plymouth; and Mr. T. H. Long, at Cardiff. He concluded by moving the following resolution:—"That the directors' report for the year ending 30th September, 1917, be received and adopted, and out of the balance of revenue a final dividend be paid on the Ordinary Shares of 10d., plus a bonus of 6d. (1/4), subject to deduction of income tax."

Mr. Samuel Hern, a director, seconded the motion, and, in the course of his remarks, said that the income tax and excess duty tax for 1917 was, say, £20,218, whereas the Ordinary and Preference dividend was £18,456, so that they were paying in the way of taxation some £1,800 more than they paid to the shareholders. The results of the past year's working must be regarded as exceptionally favourable when they considered the following facts:—There had been no increase of fares, as they had not gone in for profiteering. (Hear, hear.) There was the increased cost of coal, oil, and of repairs generally. Many items had more than doubled. There was also the increased cost of machinery and replacing parts of vehicles, of "sets," rails, sand, etc., and a great increase of wages and salaries. The directors were paying the shareholders a dividend of 10 per cent. They felt that, in view of the heavy income tax payable by the shareholders, and the fact that they had a large body of small shareholders to whom a few pounds of dividends was a great boon, when all the necessaries of life were so excessively dear, it was only right to do so, although looking at the present grave position and the uncertainty of the future, it might, perhaps have been more prudent to pay a five per cent. dividend and carry the other five per cent. to reserve. The shareholders, however, must bear in mind that they could not have it both ways. Ten per cent. must always be considered as a special dividend. They might not be able to pay it next year, and they certainly would not be able to pay it in some of the years to come. Some of their leases were very short, and they must set aside considerable sums from year to year to, in some measure, provide for the effect of their expiration. He paid a very high tribute to the staff in the various towns and at the head office in London.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

MARKET REPORTS.

CATTLE.

LONDON METROPOLITAN, December 17.—Total comprised 2,194 beasts and 7,134 sheep. The customary "Great Day" was held this year in the absence of prize cattle, but the quality marketed showed good condition, and proved useful to butchers. Active competition prevailed, and prices in most cases showed an advance of 2/- per stone. Beast entries were larger by 933 head, and sheep registered an increase of 1,913 compared with Monday last.

BIRKENHEAD, December 17.—There were about 1,150 cattle offered for sale exclusive of the number expected to be landed to-day. There was a good attendance of buyers, and all classes met a firm trade at advanced values owing to the short supply. Quotations are difficult to give. There was practically an entire absence of sheep.

HULL, Monday.—Best beef slightly cheaper at 21/- per stone, secondary 19/- to 20/-, cows 18/- to 19/-. Large supply of sheep at higher rates, small making 1/8 per lb., large 1/6, ewes 1/4. No pigs on offer.

GLASGOW, Monday.—Messrs. Hegarty and Kelly had larger supplies of fat cattle at their sale in Merklands to-day (Monday). Bullocks and heifers were a prime show, both as to numbers and quality. Whilst top quality fully maintained late rates, secondary sorts were the turn cheaper. Bulls and cows continued in firm demand, and were quickly cleared at satisfactory prices.—(Advt.)

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GRAIN.

LIVERPOOL, Monday.—WHEAT on the spot without change in values; quiet demand. FLOUR—Steady trade passing; regulation grade, 44/3 sack. MAIZE is not offered. OATS—Fair trade at fixed prices. OATMEAL—Very small inquiry. PEAS scarce and prices very firm. BEANS—Small supply; full prices. Futures—Wheat parcels not released. There is no inquiry; all quotations remain unaltered. Maize parcels inquired for, but nothing yet available; quotations are unchanged. OATS very quiet.

PROVISIONS.

CHRISTMAS POULTRY SALES, December 17.—The Christmas sales of fat dead poultry opened in Little Green street this morning, and were very largely attended by the trade. The supplies, however, were disappointing, being on an unusually light scale owing to the great severity of the weather prevailing over the week-end, which practically cut off communication with many important poultry-raising districts. Competition was very keen, and prices ranged extremely high—in fact, much beyond what even the most sanguine anticipated. Plump hen turkeys and well-finished geese particularly were much sought after, but offerings fell considerably short of requirements. There was a specially good demand for show cock turkeys, which brought very satisfactory terms. Chickens, too, of all sizes were bought up quickly at advanced prices, especially crammed qualities of the capon order. Large fat ducks also made record figures. Considering the dry, crisp nature of the weather at present, and the strong demand for shipping, it is anticipated that the daily morning sales of the week will be of a very remunerative character to sellers, and rates may even stiffen at the nearer approach of the great festive occasion.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE, December 17.—Weather against market. Features of competitive sales were:—York cabbage, 10/- to 14/- per load; Savoys, 9/- to 10/6; Swede turnips, 2/6 per cwt.; celery, 1/6 to 2/6 per dozen.

DUBLIN FISH, December 17.—Very little fish of any kind on market. Three boxes of herrings made 40/- per box. Nothing else worth quoting for.

DUBLIN POTATO, December 17.—No change in trade. Prices nominally 4/6 to 4/9 and 5/- per cwt. for city delivery.

BILLINGSGATE FISH, December 17.—Supply liberal; demand quiet. Soles, 1/9; slips, 1/6; turbot, 1/9; brill, 1/5; halibut, 2/2; dories, 10d. per lb.; lemon soles, 25/-; English, also Aberdeen, plaice, 14/-; Faroe, 12/-; hake, 16/-; skate, 12/6; cod, 11/-; gurnet, 10/6; whiting, 9/6; bream, 10/-; conger eel, 9/-; haddocks, 9/- per stone; live eels, 38/-; dead, 32/- per draft; lobsters, 30/- to 80/-; mackerel, 9/- per score; whitebait, 1/- per quart.

GRIMSBY FISH, December 17.—Soles, 2/8; turbot, 1/8; brills, 1/7 per lb.; plaice, 13/6 to 14/-; lemon soles, 30/-; whitings, 8/-; conger eels, 10/6; live ling, 12/6; dead ling, 10/6; live cod, 14/-; dead, 10/- to 13/6; hake, 17/6; coalfish, 12/-; roker, 14/6; haddocks, 8/6 to 11/-; live dabs, 13/-; dead dabs, 11/-; live codlings, 13/6; dead codlings, 10/- per stone.

LONDON, Monday.—BUTTER—Delivery orders for the second allotment of Government butter will be issued to-morrow. CHEESE—Cheddar, 142/- ex farm; small supply; Dutch, farmers', 131/- to 155/-, according to percentage of fat; factory, 129/6 to 155/-, according to percentage of fat; supplies remain small. BACON—Canadian and Irish, 172/-; Danish, 172/-; receipts small, but rather larger than last week. LARD—Irish, 148/- to 150/-.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT, December 17.—Beef in good demand at maximum rates—Scotch long sides, 8/-; short, 8/8; English, 8/-; Irish (including Birkenhead killed), 8/-; chilled hindquarters, 7/6; forequarters, 6/4. Mutton in small supply, with a brisk demand—English and Scotch wethers and ewes, 8/8. Veal firm—English, 8/-. Pork scarce—English, 9/6.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON (First Report), Dec. 17.—First estimated sales, 3,000 bales. Market opened with an improved demand. Futures opened 15 to 22 points decline from Friday's close—January, 22.35d.; March, 22.40d.; May, 22.32d.

LIVERPOOL COTTON (Second Report), Dec. 17.—Sales, 3,000 bales. American market quiet; quotations reduced 15 to 16 points. Brazilian quotations unchanged. East Indian reduced 15 points. Egyptian in retail request; quotations of fully good, fair good, and fine are reduced 25 points; good mid., 22.69d. Futures quiet, 24 to 25 points decline from Friday's close—January, 22.32d.; February, 22.35d.; March, 22.31d.; April, 22.27d.; May, 22.23d. Imports, 47,717 bales.

LIVERPOOL COTTON (Closing), Monday.—Sales, 3,000 bales. Futures closed barely steady, 35 to 36 points decline from Friday's close. January, 22.21d.; February 22.24d.; March, 22.20d.; April, 22.16d.; May, 22.12d. Egyptian—Sales, 300 bales.

PRODUCE.

LONDON, December 17.—Sugar unaltered. Coffee—Spot steady, with fair inquiries; futures quiet; December quoted at 62/3; March, 63/6; May, 64/6. Tea—18,000 packages Indian met active competition, but prices ruled irregular; D Class again easier. Cocoa steady; fair demand. Rice in good demand. East India hemp firm. Shellac firm, quiet. Rubber steady, quiet; crepe, spot, sold at 2/4; sheet, 2/4; Para, buyers, 2/8. Turpentine, 126/9.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR, December 17.—Market opened firm.

WOOL.

BRADFORD, December 17.—One effect of the restricted allocations is that there has been keen inquiry for odd lots of yarns available for immediate delivery, for which higher prices have been paid. Spinners are, however, extremely cautious about accepting new orders for forward delivery. With a view to economising the use of wool it is proposed that there shall be a full week's Christmas holiday.

A runaway tramcar on the Wigan Corporation Tramways caused the death of Mary Gore, a passenger, and injured three other persons on Saturday night. It appears that while the electric trolley arm was being changed at Pemberton Terminus the car, on which were only a few passengers, started, and, driverless, dashed down a steep gradient towards Wigan. After sweeping along for over a mile it jumped the points, and crashed into a house, which it wrecked. William Lane, a visitor at the house, sustained a fractured skull and a broken arm. The woman Gore received fatal injuries through jumping off the car.

FIRST DIRECTOR: "Well, we've dealt with everything on the agenda except this Trade Fund for the Y.M.C.A. All the principal people in our business are supporting it."

SECOND DIRECTOR: "The Y.M.C.A. is doing splendid work. Our own staff seem to use the Huts constantly. Almost all their letters come on Y.M.C.A. paper."

CHAIRMAN: "How much do you think we ought to give? We cannot very well do less than others, and I heard this morning that the Consolidated were giving £1,000, and some in our Trade are giving £5,000.

SECOND DIRECTOR: "Our shareholders, I know, will support us in what we do—they know well enough what splendid work the Y.M.C.A. is doing."

CHAIRMAN: "Well, gentlemen, what do you say to £2,000? . . . . You all agree? . . . . All agreed . . . . Good!"

"We must support our own Y.M.C.A. Trade Appeal."

EVERY Trade, every Profession, every Industry, should make it a point of honour to assist the splendid work of the Y.M.C.A. to the utmost of its power. There is hardly an important Firm or Company throughout the Kingdom whose employees with the colours have not directly benefited by the shelter and comfort, the rest, refreshment and recreation which the Y.M.C.A. Huts provide.

GREAT Christmas Appeal. £500,000 at least must be raised.

To meet the more pressing requirements of our soldiers in the Home Camps and in every theatre of War, a sum of *at least* £500,000 must be raised within the next few weeks and Funds must be available to meet the constant demand for the extension of the work. Business men have realised that it would be a national calamity if the work of the Y.M.C.A. were to be curtailed in any way through lack of funds; and many of the principal Trades and Professions have already undertaken to appeal to their own members for the necessary financial assistance. Others are now organizing for the same purpose. Every day adds to the number.

Has your Trade fallen into line?

If you have not yet heard officially from the organizers of your own Trade Appeal, write for information to Mr. HERBERT BROWN, Hon. Secretary of Xmas Appeals, Y.M.C.A., 13, Russell Square, London, W.C.1.

Has your Trade yet Organised its Collection?

All money subscribed for the War Work of the Y.M.C.A. is spent on War Work alone, and any profit made on goods sold to the troops is used for the provision and upkeep of Huts, Free Stationery, Hostels for Relatives of Wounded, and other activities of the same character.

The following Professions, Trades and Industries have been asked to organize special collections on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. Those marked with an asterisk have already undertaken to do so, and many others are on the point of starting their Trade Fund.

* "All-round Sportsman's Fund."
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* Lloyd's.
* Match Trade.
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* Musical Profession.
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For those who are not subscribing to any of these collections there is a "General Xmas Appeal Fund," for which subscriptions should be forwarded to Mr. HERBERT BROWN, Hon. Secretary of Xmas Appeals, Y.M.C.A. (Room 1), 13, Russell Square, W.C.1.

Give of your best and make this National Appeal a Real Success.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. McKENNY.

The funeral of the late Mr. James McKenny, M.R.C.V.S., of 116 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, and Castle Park, Castleknock, took place yesterday to Mount Jerome Cemetery. The Dean of the Chapel Royal officiated. The chief mourners were:—Charles McKenny (brother); William G. Kavanagh and J. S. Eustace (brothers-in-law); Noel McKenny, Lieutenant R.I.F., Howard St. G. McKenny, George McM. Kavanagh, Lieutenant R.E., and Desmond Kavanagh (nephews). Amongst the general public were the following:—Charles M. Griffin, M.R.C.V.S.; Richard Innes, Henry A. Strong, Prof. J. F. Craig, Royal Vet. College; Prof. J. J. O'Connor, Royal Vet. College; Robert Donovan, T. F. Slevin, C.E.; A. Innes Gordon, R. H. Lambert, M.R.C.V.S.; E. F. Lewis (Sewell's), Fred. A. Heney, M.R.C.V.S.; F. C. Ryan, do.; G. W. Tyson, do.; Geo. Richardson, do.; W. Ashe King, F.R.C.V.S.; Walter Russell, do.; W. P. Cushnahan, do.; T. D. Lambert, do.; H. W. Robinson, do.; D. J. O'Byrne, do.; J. J. Kenny, do.; L. M. Magee, do.; P. J. Howard, Ennis, do.; M. J. McCabe, J. Smith, Wm. McCabe, J.P.; Sir Joseph Redmond, Laurence Redmond, John P. Redmond, Corrie W. Walsh, P. D. Ready, Capt. A.V.C.; D. Cogan, Arthur J. Orr, D. S. Prentice, Sir Joseph McGrath, Thomas Mahon, John Murphy, Michael Horan, John Horan, George Prescott, A.M.I.E.E.; Rev. P. O'Byrne, C.C.; Thomas Anderson, J. D'Arcy, Edward Spring, J. H. Norris, President Vet. Medical Association; Pk. Redmond, Laurence O'Brien, John Lynch, John Armstrong, James Armstrong, A. Fleming, W. J. Merrick, M.D.; T. P. Tyrrell, A. G. Ringwood, T. O'Keefe Kinsella, John L. Jamieson, L. Donegan, J. V. Daly, R.I.C.; John Daly, A. Davy, C.E.; S. W. Stuart, F. W. A. Duncan, Chas. M. Duncan, P. Rogers, Ratoath; J. H. H. Peard, F. Dillon, P. Maynard, Gavin Low, T. T. Mooney, Leo Mooney, W. H. Wilkinson, G. B. Freeman, W. B. E. Bradley, J. Lyons.

MULLINGAR CHRISTMAS FAIR.

The Mullingar fair on Saturday for pigs and yesterday for cattle and sheep was well supplied. The average prices for pigs were £12, £14, £16, and in a few cases £20 each (dead weight). Stores, which were scarce, £5 to £8, according to size and quality; bonhams, £3 to £4 each. Yesterday's was principally a meat fair. There was a ready sale at advanced prices. In the beef department nothing was sold under 70/- per cwt. and for some fancy cattle close on 80/- per cwt. was secured (live weight). The supply was not equal to the demand. In the sheep department there was a very early clearance at average prices per head—£5 to £6; lambs, £3 to £3 15/- each. Anything in forward condition was bought up quickly. Well-conditioned and aged store cattle sold quickly. Three-year-old heifers and bullocks made up to £35, 2½-year-old ditto £24 to £30, and 2-year-old £16 to £20. Small show of cows, and all bought up at prices not far below those of the November fair. Mutton, 1/1 to 1/2 per lb.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

WAR OFFICE, DECEMBER 17, 1917.

R. Ir. Regt.—Capt. I. B. George to be Maj. R. Innis. Fus.—2nd Lt. W. V. Morony to be actg. Capt. whilst actg. as Adjt. R. Dub. Fus.—Temp. Lt (actg. Capt.) F. A. Wilson to be actg. Maj. whilst serving as Maj. on Headquarters of a Bn., S. Lan. R.

The undermentioned, from attached, are transferred to Reg. Bns. as temp. Officers:—Conn. Rang.—2nd Lt. R. Adamson. Leins. R.—2nd Lts. W. M'Namara, J. E. Connolly, W. Stowell, W. M. Surtees, C. H. Spencer, C. W. Terry, G. C. Parks, G. W. Snook.

Memoranda—The promotion of the undermentioned officer is post-dated to 7th November, 1917—Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) J. R. Villiers-Stuart, D.S.O., Ind. A.

Special Reserve of Officers.—Reserve Units.—Leins. R.—Capt. (temp. Maj.) J. D. Johnstone to be Maj.

The undermentioned 2nd Lts. to be Lts.—R. Dub. Fus.—L. G. Arnold, A. L. Hammond, W. Parsons, W. V. Beaumont, M.C.; L. R. Elliot, L. I. N. Lloyd-Blood, R. J. F. Peacey, P. D. Peacey.

REGULAR FORCES.

Service Battalions.—Conn. Rang.—Capt. T. A. Dillon (Spec. Res.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be second in command of a Bn. Capt. T. A. Dillon (Spec. Res.) to be actg. Maj. while second in command of a Bn. Garrison Battalions.—R. Ir. Regt.—Temp. 2nd Lt. C. E. Wilson to be temp. Lt. R. Ir. Fus.—Lt. C. K. Edwards (R. Ir. Rif., Spec. Res.) to be actg. Capt. (additional).

The undermentioned candidates nominated for commissions in the Regular Army, under Paragraph 3 of Army Order 295 of 1916, as amended by Army Orders 167 and 293 of 1917:—R. Ir. Regt.—2nd Lt. A. J. K. Pigott, from North'd. Fus., Terr. Force. Conn. Rang.—Lt. E. A. Smith. R. Muns. Fus.—2nd Lt. L. C. Boyd, from Spec. Res. R. Dub. Fus.—Temp. 2nd Lt. H. C. Franklin, from 9th (Serv.) Bn.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The undermentioned, from Officer Cadet Units, to be 2nd Lts.—I. Gds.—J. A. M. Faraday, A. G. Hunt, N. King, J. Pulleyn, J. R. F. Reynolds.

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PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

At the weekly meeting of the Committee of the Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, held at the Society's office, 36 Westmoreland street, Dublin, Mr. Justice Sheil presided. The following were also present:—Mr. F. W. Deane, Mr. W. Perrin, Mr. Arthur Fitzmaurice, J.P.; Mr. G. W. Marsh, Mr. P. H. Grierson, and C. E. Grahame Harvey. Thirteen cases of cruelty were reported during the week. Two are to be summoned, three to be cautioned, three to be sent to the veterinary surgeon to report on, and on five no order was made. The officers also reported on convictions obtained during the week in cases already reported. The Secretary reported on dogs sold and claimed at the Dogs' Home, Grand Canal quay, during the week. The inspectors reported on their visits to the markets on Thursday morning and evening; also the shipping of cattle. Further consideration of the subject of the delay re shipping of cattle and providing food, etc., was engaging serious attention of the Committee. The following contributions were thankfully acknowledged, viz.:—Messrs. Thomas Heiton and Co., Ltd., £1 1/-; Ernest Bewley, Esq., 5/-; Miss Helen Neville, £3 3/-; Mrs. Browning, 10/-; Messrs. Hodgins and Co., Ltd., 10/-; T. R. G. Joze, Esq., Mus.D., T.C.D., 2/6; A. Gorges, Esq., 2/6; Messrs. Carson and Sons, 5/-; Miss Leney, 2/6 (cats' account); Miss S. H. Campbell, 5/- (cats' account), "T. H." 5/-; Mrs. G. W. Marsh, 10/-; Miss M. S. Blake, 10/-; Miss F. Chapman, 5/- (donkey account); Dr. Catherine Maguire, 5/-; Charles Jones, Esq., 2/6; Mrs. Hector Ferguson, 10/-; Lady Cory, £1 1/- (donkey account); Mrs. M. L. Lloyd, 5/-; Messrs. Mining Co. of Ireland, Ltd., —.

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HOTELS—Head Laundress, Assistants, and 2 Kitchenmaids for city hotel.—Brophy, 1 South Anne st.

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FARMER'S Daughter requires situation as Linen Maid in hotel or private establishment.—Bridie O'Brien, Crehana, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary.

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A GOOD Cook, take permanent or temporary place.—Registry (Singer's), Grafton st.

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GENERAL, disengaged, small family; plain cooking, small washing; no children; 24 years; wages £14-£16; Roman Catholic; well recommended. Address "Z 1640, General," this office.

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LADY wishes to get situation for young Protestant General after Christmas, small family, near Rathmines.—M 136, this office.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS

BY
PATRICK O'CONNOR & SON.

THIS DAY (TUESDAY), 18th DECEMBER.
TOLKA PARK, BELLEVUE, and LOWER FINGLAS, convenient to Cattle Market—Parkinson Estate—Letting of 60 Acres, in following Divisions, for Grazing or Meadow, with or without Aftergrass—Tolka Park, 21a. 0r. 14p.; Bellevue, 23a. 1r. 9p.; Lower Finglas, 15a. 0r. 8p. Sale at 12 o'clock, beginning at Tolka Park.
ST. MARGARET'S—For T. M'Grane, Esq.—Letting of 25 Acres for Grazing or Meadow. Sale 1 o'clock.
ADAMSTOWN, GARRISTOWN.—For Messrs. T. and J. Carberry—Letting of 40 Acres Grazing, in Divisions and some for Tillage. Sale 2.30 o'clock.
TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), 19th DECEMBER.
CLONGOWESWOOD, CLANE—For Miss O'Shaughnessy—Letting of 20 Acres Grazing. Sale 1 o'clock.
NEXT FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER.
LOWTHERSTOWN DEMESNE (between Balbriggan and Gormanston—For Messrs. Stewart and Galbraith—Letting of 6 Acres for Tillage. Sale at 1 o'clock.
NEXT FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER.
BROWNSTOWN, BALLYNARE, DUNBOYNE—For Mr. J. Mulligan—Auction of Live Stock, Farming and other effects, 2 Pikes Hay, Letting of 26 Acres Land for Grazing, 2nd and 3rd Crop Meadow, and Manured Land for Corn Crop. Sale 12 o'clock.

LAND TO BE LET BY PRIVATE TREATY, convenient to the City—30 and 18 Acres Clondalkin; 28, 24, 21, 11, 14, and 4 Acres convenient to Rathcoole.
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SATURDAY NEXT, 22nd DECEMBER.—56 Acres, "Irish," in two divisions, well watered and sheltered, at Brideswell, Kilcock, 1½ miles from Station, for Mrs. Rochford, at 2 o'clock.
MONDAY NEXT, 24th—26 Acres, "Irish," Prime Grazing Land, at Lissenhall, Swords, for P. M'Court, Esq., at 12 o'clock.
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Dragoons, dearly-loved son of J
Victoria Cottage, Smithfield, I
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MUDDLE—In proud and loving
Sergeant D. J. MUDDLE, Rifle Brig
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Eaton square, Terenure, to Mr. an
P. CRAWFORD, a daughter (stillbor
FUGE—December 8, 1917, at Nairob
wife of Captain T. MARSHALL L
Fanny Levinge), of a son.
HARRISON—December 13, 1917, at
Dalkey, the wife of J. CHARL
Sculptor, of a son.
KING—December 18, 1917, at Net
Park, Bath, to Mr. and Mrs. CHA
son.
O'RYAN—December 14, 1917, at 2
Athlone, to Mr. and Mrs. O'RYAN,
RICE—December 17, 1917, at 135
Rathmines, the wife of SAMUEL R
(who died at birth).
TYRRELL—December 12, 1917, at
Edenderry, the wife of H. C. M. T
YOUNG—November 27, 1917, at th
Howrah, Bengal, India, wife of
YOUNG, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BARNETT AND BAILEY—December
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and Mrs. Chartres, Farnborough,
MURIEL HUNT, grand-daughter of
Crispin, Dodbrook Manor, S. Devon

DEATHS.

BARNES—December 17, 1917, after
HELENA, fourth daughter of the lat
BARNES, and of Mrs. Barnes, 105
Rathmines. Funeral private.
BOWEN—December 14, 1917, Si
BOWEN, K.C.M.G., of Middleton G
church, N.Z., late Speaker of the
House of Representatives, aged 87
DARKER—December 17, 1917, at Lo
Kingstown, WILLIAM DARKER, forme
town and Roscrea, at an advanced
private.
FLEMING—December 14, 1917, at M
shire, WILLIAM FLEMING, Lieutenan
95th Regiment, in his 79th year.
HAY—December 10, 1917, in Lond
daughter of the late GEORGE HAY
Law, Dublin.
LANE—December 18, 1917, at
"Petherwin," Kenilworth
WILLIAM H. LANE (Lane and Phil
street). Deeply regretted.
LAWLER—December 18, 1917, at h
Haddington terrace, Kingstow
daughter of the late WM. LAWL
Abbey street. R.I.P. Funeral, af
Mass from St. Michael's, to-morr
to Glasnevin.
McLEAN—December 14, 1917, at
Tralee, JOHN LLEWELLYN NASH M
beloved son of A. H. McLean, ag
MOORHEAD—December 18, 1917, at
Ballinode, JOSEPH MOORHEAD. Fu
town to-morrow (Thursday) at 12
SCOTT—December 17, 1917, suddenly
of 1 Clareville road, Rathgar. F
No flowers.
SMYTHE—December 17, 1917, An
eldest daughter of the late D. K
merly of 60 Upper Leeson street,
Leeson street Bridge at 1
Mount Jerome Cemetery to-morro
STANLEY—December 17, 1917, afte
ness, EDWARD ALMA, dearly-loved
LOUISA STANLEY, Taney, Dundrum,
"Peace, perfect peace." Funer
town this (Wednesday) morning a
TYNAN—JOHN, junior, youngest
TYNAN, Cattle Dealer, Maryborou
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